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SOLICITOR GENERAL

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil—Papineau): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. Recent events and today's reports in the media have proved beyond a doubt that the Canadian Security Information Service was right to fear the increasing influence of the Warriors, who don't want the RCMP or the QPP around so they can go about their illegal business and smuggle goods without further ado.

Could the minister confirm that he had a meeting last Sunday with his provincial counterpart, Mr. Ryan, and could he tell the House what they intend to do about the current explosive situation in this region?

[English]

Hon. Doug Lewis (Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleague has an interest in this matter and is doing her best to represent her constituents. I can assure her and the House that the government places a very high priority on trying to find a peaceful solution.

Last Sunday I met with Mr. Ryan and we discussed the matter. I was on the phone with him this morning. I believe that we are making progress. We believe that continued discussions and negotiations are the only way to do it. I would hope that we can report something in the very near future.

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ROUGE VALLEY PARK

Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for the Environment.

It has been over two years since this government promised \$10 million to help in the establishment of an urban park in the Rouge Valley which is on the east of metro.

I would like to ask the minister: Why the delay? Why the hold-up? Who is dragging their feet? This is a very important project on a national basis. I would like the minister's comments. Can we get this solved?

Oral Questions

Hon. Pauline Browes (Minister of State (Environment)): Mr. Speaker, the interest, the commitment and the work by the hon. member and other members in the House are really to be commended on this magnificent Rouge area to be saved as a park.

The advisory committee that was established and constituted by the province of Ontario—and the federal government is a member—has put forth a management plan. The first report I have in hand here today. This is a comprehensive and an envisionsary document. The first public meeting on this is scheduled for tonight.

I would like to say the final report is expected in the spring of 1992. The Federal Historic Sites and Monuments Board is also looking at the archaeological aspects of the Rouge, and indeed the \$10 million federal commitment stands ready to be set forth as soon as this park is established as the largest urban park in North America.

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TAXATION

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, this government has a healthy appetite for our tax money. It has levied a total of 33 tax increases since it was elected. It has added a tax on unemployment, on pension funds, a proposed tax on bankruptcies, and now another tax on cable. Enough is enough. When will the government take its hands out of our pockets, and when will the minister say no to a tax levy on cable?

[English]

Hon. Perrin Beatty (Minister of Communications): Mr. Speaker, my hon. friend may have missed the news, but several weeks ago the government announced that it was providing direct funding to the CBC without looking to a levy on cable in order to raise the funds for that.

It is a very interesting proposition that the hon. member raises. She is absolutely right that Canadians do feel as if they are paying too many taxes. That is why it is incumbent on members on all sides of the House, when they make suggestions for new spending, to explain precisely where the money would come from.