

*Oral Questions*

more a gallon, 9 of 12 increases of which only go to pay Liberal taxes. This is another example of a Liberal flip-flop. This 9-cent increase per gallon will add to the tax burden of Canadians. I shall now ask my question, Madam Speaker! Will the Minister state once again that his energy policy is the best solution and that he must, accordingly, increase the price of gasoline even though he has no valid reason other than masking his own and his government's inability to solve the energy problem?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, I timed the question and I hope that you will give me as much time to reply.

First, I wish to repeat to the hon. member, to the House and to the Canadian people that our action as far as oil is concerned has saved each Canadian family of four members \$335 since December 1979 compared with what the Progressive Conservative budget proposed. These are facts. These are figures which are easy to prove. Second, I also remind the hon. member that Canadians today will still pay 40 cents a gallon less for their oil than people in the United States.

Third, I remind the hon. member that our commitment, which we have kept, not to increase prices in 1980 as much as the Progressive Conservatives planned to do, that is not to impose the 18 cents tax, called for a price increase of under \$4, and I repeat to Canadian consumers that our energy policies will mean that they will have to pay less than they would have had to under the terrible Progressive Conservative budget which was voted down in December 1979.

## EFFECT OF NEW GASOLINE TAX ON CONSUMERS

**Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona):** Madam Speaker, the Minister and his colleagues are against consumer rip-offs except when they are the main cause of them, as is the case for energy and uranium. Does the minister, who is a member from Quebec, a province where there are quite a few low-income people intend to tell Quebecers that this new tax will not affect them and that they can always rely on him and Liberal miracles to help them face the shameful increase in the price of oil?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, Quebec members as well as Quebec consumers and voters have a better judgment than himself. Of this I can assure him. I went to Quebec City two days ago to talk to people there. I am going tonight to speak to people in Montreal, and I shall tell them the facts as they are. We are not ashamed to defend our record in view of what the Progressive Conservatives intended to impose on the consumers. I also remind the House that if the Alberta premier were to decide to cancel the production cutbacks which he has imposed on Canadian consumers, we would reduce oil prices by 7.25 cents a gallon tomorrow morning.

[English]

## POINT OF ORDER

MR. PATTERSON—MATSQI INSTITUTION RIOT—REQUEST FOR STATEMENT BY SOLICITOR GENERAL

**Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East):** Madam Speaker, my point of order concerns the reply given by the Solicitor General regarding the riot at Matsqui Institution. I believe that this is an incident of such magnitude that it would call for a statement on motions by the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan), because the military forces were called in and because of the fire that destroyed over 50 per cent of the facilities. I think this all adds up to the point where there should be a statement on motions by the minister. I wonder if he would give that assurance.

**Madam Speaker:** Order, please. That might be a request from the hon. member but I certainly have no jurisdiction to ask the minister to make a statement on motions. That is his choice and he can do so if he sees fit.

**An hon. Member:** He said he wants to.

**An hon. Member:** Here he is.

**Mr. Baker (Nepean-Carleton):** A point of order, Kaplan!

**Mr. Clark:** Send Ouellet to court and stand up!

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

TABLING OF MEMORANDA ON FUNGICIDE CAPTAN

**Hon. E. F. Whelan (Minister of Agriculture):** Madam Speaker, in accordance with the provisions of Standing Order 41(2), I should like to table two memos from Dr. A. B. Morrison, assistant deputy minister, health protection branch, Department of National Health and Welfare, to Dr. J. E. McGowan, assistant deputy minister, food production and inspection branch, Agriculture Canada, concerning Captan. I regret that I can only table these documents in English at this time as the French documents have not been completely translated. They should be here in five or ten minutes.

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[Translation]

## SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES (A), 1981-82

A message from His Excellency the Governor General transmitting supplementary estimates (A) with regard to sums required for the public service of Canada for the financial year ending March 31, 1982 and, pursuant to the provisions of the