

says that in 15 years we will have used up our conventional natural gas and will be importing two-thirds of our oil. Let us get going on one or more of the frontier projects at a negotiated price for the oil.

Secondly, and in the meantime, let us resist the short-term temptation to export oil and gas to beat hell, as we are doing now.

Thirdly, if Canadians are expected to pay more taxes at the pump for energy security, show them that the gasoline prices are fair. Canadians are paying more than Americans now because oil company downstream profits are too high. Use Petro-Canada. Tell the provinces to quit loading on taxes at the pump.

Finally, do not forget conservation. That is really the number one priority.

Those are all my suggestions to the Minister and he can have them free of charge.

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[Translation]

#### TRIBUTE TO JEAN PAPINEAU-COUTURE

**Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil—Papineau):** Alas, Mr. Speaker, the labourers hired first are not always properly rewarded. However, the *Société de musique contemporaine du Québec* will be paying tribute in Montreal tonight to Jean Papineau-Couture, one of the major figures of Canadian contemporary music, on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

A composer, teacher and administrator, Jean Papineau-Couture has devoted his whole life to music, and more specifically to composition and the promotion of Canadian contemporary music, although he had to overcome the public's deep and at times fierce resistance to new sounds and rhythms.

His numerous orchestra, piano, chamber music compositions are evidence of his great command of the musical medium. Furthermore, it is not altogether frequent to see talent associated with commitment, but this creator has worked relentlessly within his own artistic community. A founding member of the *Centre de musique canadienne*, the *Société de musique canadienne* and the *Société de musique contemporaine du Québec*, he has also served as chairman of many organizations and institutions in the cultural field.

Jean Papineau-Couture deserves that we should pay him tribute by joining all those who will attend the concert dedicated to him tonight in Montreal.

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#### IMMIGRATION

REPORTED ALLEGATIONS BY MINISTER

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, during the program *La politique fédérale* broadcasted on January 17, 1987, on the French network of the CBC, we heard the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) describe his Lac-Saint-Jean region as an area "which has not been disturbed by immigration and which has remained demographically, culturally and politically pure".

I came to this country in 1966 and I do not believe that I have disturbed Canada. On the contrary, I feel I have contributed to its economic, social and cultural development.

As to the Minister's comments on purity, I find them offensive for all Canadians.

An Immigration Minister who makes such remarks should not hold his position.

Thanks to its compassion, generosity and open-mindedness, our country rightly deserved its worldwide reputation, and comments on ethnic purity and the pride to belong to a privileged community are out of place in our society. When a Minister of Employment and Immigration utters them, they are unacceptable. The Minister should resign forthwith, Mr. Speaker!

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[English]

#### COLONIALISM

RETENTION OF ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON BY FRANCE

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, 19th century colonialism appears to be alive and well in North America. India has eliminated Portuguese possession of Goa; Hong Kong and Macao will shortly revert to China; and even tiny Iceland has resolutely and successfully defended its exclusive fishing zones against once mighty Great Britain, but France is allowed to maintain its colony of St. Pierre and Miquelon in the midst of Canada.

Surely this is an anachronism in the third quarter of the 20th century. Worst of all, on the basis of this historic relic, France claims the right to catch tens of thousands of tonnes of Canadian fish. The Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) should start immediately, and as forcefully as possible, to pursue the termination of French colonialism within Canada's domain.