

*Oral Questions*

know, that the code of conduct for Ministers has been complied with by the Minister. He in fact divested himself entirely of his assets which are in a blind trust. If the Hon. Member makes that simple inquiry of the Assistant Deputy Registrar General, he will discover that for himself.

With respect to the details of that blind trust, he will not get that information for very obvious and explainable reasons.

**Mr. Kaplan:** What about appearances?

## MANAGEMENT OF BLIND TRUSTS

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, how blind can a trust be when your spouse is managing it? How many other members of Cabinet have so-called blind trusts being managed by their spouses?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, that assertion is totally false.

**Mr. Broadbent:** It is a question.

**Mr. Tobin:** How many others?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order!

**Mr. Nielsen:** The information as to the identity of the trustee of the blind trust is in the public domain. If the Hon. Member wishes to examine the facts carefully, he will find it is Victoria and Grey, I believe, the successor to the National Bank.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

## OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION—REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of the Environment. The joint Canada-B.C. report on offshore oil and gas exploration was released last night. The overwhelming body of evidence given to the panel revealed the dangers of offshore oil and gas exploration and the widespread opposition to the drilling. Therefore, will the Minister give his assurances that the 1972 moratorium will remain in place?

**Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I will take the time to study more fully than has been possible until now the report to which the Hon. Member refers. I am very predisposed toward some of the concerns he has continually expressed on this subject and I will take them fully into account when I read the report.

## OIL TANKER TRAFFIC

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, that answer doesn't mean diddly to people in British Columbia. The Minister has been studying the report for the last two years. He is aware

that the lifting of the moratorium will allow oil tankers to ply those internal waters. Therefore, will he assure this House that he will study the implications of both oil tanker traffic and exploration and production before even considering lifting that moratorium?

**Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment):** Yes, Mr. Speaker, I will take all relevant factors into account and I will be guided primarily by environmental considerations.

## ACID RAIN—UNITED STATES FUNDING

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the same Minister. Recent dispatches from Washington indicate that the U.S. administration has no budget proposals for spending the \$5 billion recommended by the acid rain envoys. To make things worse, the administration opposes congressional action on acid rain control legislation. What on earth is happening to the promises that were made in March at the summit meeting in Washington?

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**Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, clearly the Hon. Member is basing his question on one or two newspaper reports that appeared this morning and perhaps last night. I think we should beware the man who reads only one or two news reports and so bases his queries. The fact is that Energy Secretary Herrington said before a high level congressional committee as follows:

By late summer appropriate mechanisms for the full implementation of the—  
Canada-U.S.:

—envoys' report will be in place and our continuing research and regulatory programs will have been reviewed for increasing opportunities for innovation and for consistency with the envoys' report objectives.

## CONGRESSMAN'S COMMENT

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, what are the Minister's comments, then, about Congressman Henry Waxman, who wryly commented about these developments: "We really fooled those Canadians"?

**Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, I defer to the Hon. Member on all matters relating to foolishness. I think the Hon. Member would be well advised to read the transcript of what was actually said in the relevant congressional committee. The Energy Secretary went on to say:

Technology transfer—

In other words, for the purpose of acid rain control:

—can be promoted by resolving present regulatory constraints that may work against innovation. This is under way and the acceptance of the envoys' report—  
by the U.S. administration:

—has given new impetus to this process—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. McMillan:** It is clear in black and white. The Hon. Member only needs to read it.