

*Oral Questions*

dispute on Lyell Island. Since the only way that this can come about is for Ottawa and Victoria jointly to support a buy-out of the present logging interests, will the Minister commit himself today to use the tools at his disposal to stop the violation of the rights of the Haida nation on Lyell Island?

**Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, my colleague, the Minister of the Environment, has had discussions with the Province of British Columbia. I have pursued discussions with the former Minister responsible for the Committee on Aboriginal Affairs. If the Province of British Columbia is interested and will participate with the federal Government, we will certainly sit down.

**Mr. Fulton:** All we want is some money.

**Mr. McKnight:** The Hon. Member says that all they want is money. We hope that the Province of British Columbia would make an appropriate contribution to the purchase because it is also a responsibility of the provincial Government.

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### PRIVATIZATION

#### INQUIRY ABOUT SERVICES TO BE PRIVATIZED IN MINISTRY OF FORESTRY AND MINES

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to get back to mapping and the possible privatization of certain federal services. In a release made public by Lavalin we learn that the president—indeed he confirms this in a release, and I quote—has begun discussions with Treasury Board and Bell officials to examine the terms under which certain federal services might be privatized. Yet the Government issued a press release last night denying any intention of privatizing the mapping services. Could the Minister of State for Forestry and Mines tell us what federal services of the Ministry of Forestry and Mines will be privatized?

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**Hon. Gerald S. Merrithew (Minister of State (Forestry and Mines)):** Mr. Speaker, starting last Friday and with a media release last night we have made it very, very clear that none of those three agencies of the Government are for sale. They have not been for sale and they will not be put up for sale.

#### GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I will direct my supplementary question to the Minister of State for Privatization. Will the Minister of State stand in her place today and tell the House clearly that the Surveys and Mapping Services, the Canada Centre for Remote Sensing, and the Canadian Hydrographic Survey are not on her agenda,

that they are no longer on her department's agenda Department, and that there is no intention to privatize them?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Privatization)):** Mr. Speaker, the division referred to was never on my agenda or that of the Government.

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### CROWN CORPORATIONS

#### PRIVATIZATION OF FISHERIES PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister responsible for privatization. If the federal Government is determined to privatize Fisheries Products International, why does it not do something innovative instead of simply dumping the company in the laps of people who want to make a quick buck? Will the Government consider innovative methods by which ownership and control of this company could be put in the hands of the fisheries workers and the fishing communities of Newfoundland, the people who are most interested in having stability in that industry?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Privatization)):** Mr. Speaker, this is an example of the ancient ideology which we hear from across the House. That is exactly what we have done. We have put this into the hands of the private sector. It is being offered to individuals. There is an employee share ownership plan within the context of the offering. The people of Newfoundland are quite welcome to participate in this issue. That is exactly why we did it this way.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### ACID RAIN—POSITION OF NOVA SCOTIA

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound—Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I understand that the Minister of the Environment had a meeting this morning with the Premier of Nova Scotia with regard to acid rain and the commitment of that province. How successful was he?

**Hon. Tom McMillan (Minister of the Environment):** Mr. Speaker, needless to say, my meeting with Premier Buchanan was full and frank. I am glad to report to the Hon. Member and to the House as a whole that the Premier indicated to me a very strong predisposition on the part of his province to sign an agreement on acid rain with the federal Government. There are some technical ways in which he would hope the federal Government might assist the province to achieve its objectives. With that in mind, I will be working with my colleagues in the Cabinet in hopes that a resolution can be found.