

*Oral Questions*

intends to act on the promises made by its Leader on July 26 in Sherbrooke, to save these 755 jobs?

[English]

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure the Hon. Member knows that, thanks to representations made by the Members from Drummondville and Sherbrooke in the House of Commons, my colleague, the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion, has been looking at this question and examining it very closely. Hon. Members of the Conservative Party who are interested in the textile industry and the future of this industry have indeed been bringing their representations to the Cabinet and that is why the matter is under consideration.

[Translation]

PROSPECTS FOR OTHER WORKERS IN SAME SECTOR

**Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary. The Minister knows perfectly well that her colleague has been looking at the matter for months without any concrete results and that the axe has just fallen on two major industries. She is now referring to Drummondville, Sherbrooke and Magog where, in fact, workers are wondering whether they are next on the list. Could the Minister give these workers the assurance that they will not meet the same fate as their fellow workers in Saint-Jean and Valleyfield because of her Government's inaction?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am quite happy—

**Mr. Ouellet:** Quite confused!

**Miss MacDonald**—to undertake to discuss the matter with my colleague and also with Conservative Members who are very concerned about this matter and are making representations to our Cabinet colleague.

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[English]

EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

BASEBALL WORLD SERIES—LIMITED USE OF CANADIAN BROADCASTING PERSONNEL

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. The Minister knows very well that the Toronto Blue Jays will be off to the World Series after tonight's game.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Nystrom:** She is also aware that traditionally, for events that are jointly televised by Canadian and American networks, there has always been a 50-50 crew-sharing arrangement between the two countries.

Can the Minister tell the House why she has agreed to let ABC Television televise the World Series games from Toronto using hardly any Canadian personnel and, once the Series has switched back to either St. Louis or Los Angeles, using no Canadian personnel? Does the Minister not believe in creating more Canadian jobs, and does she not believe in equality between the two nations? Can she tell the House why she struck out?

**Hon. Walter McLean (Minister of State (Immigration)):** Mr. Speaker, I want to assure the Hon. Member that we are aware of the situation. ABC is doing the broadcasts in accordance with Section 19(1)(f) of the regulations which allows for ABC crews to enter Canada without the need of employment authorization. The Hon. Member will understand that there is a reciprocal arrangement which in turn permits Canadian crews to enter the United States to report on Canadian news events.

CLASSIFICATION AS NEWS EVENT

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister then explain to the House why he and/or the Minister of Employment and Immigration accepted an interpretation from their officials indicating that the World Series is a news event rather than an entertainment event, the guidelines of which would have allowed for more Canadian participation in the production of that particular Series? Why did they listen to their officials and have it classified as a news event rather than an entertainment event?

**Hon. Walter McLean (Minister of State (Immigration)):** Mr. Speaker, I want to suggest that it is one of the largest news events in Canadian history.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

● (1430)

**Mr. McLean:** Happily, it will reach both news and entertainment audiences. We believe it will be very positive entertainment and news for Canada.

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REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

CAPE BRETON—CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. The Cape Breton Advisory Committee appointed by the Government following the closure of the two heavy water plants reports that there is unemployment in excess of 50 per cent in some communities. It has recommended the immediate implementation of a capital works program in 1985-86. In view of the fact that there is available a list of projects totalling \$600 million, will the Minister indicate to the House when this program will be implemented and how much money will be forthcoming?