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she had given in the House and seemed to be supported by her officials.

I am of the same opinion today as I was then. I hope someone who happens to like fish understands that if he or she eats twice as much fish as an American he will be in deep trouble. I am pleased to hear the Minister say the Government is finally going to bring in realistic standards based on, I hope, scientific data rather than some figure that someone plucks out of his head when trying to come up with a response to questions from people seriously concerned about the safety of drinking water, particularly in the area of the Great Lakes.

I was less than pleased when I read a report in the newspaper the other day quoting the Minister in committee as saying: "But nobody yet knows how a government can make it happen within its own jurisdiction and not—". He was commenting on how the Government could launch an offensive against pollution of the environment. I found that to be a bit strange, to say the least, for a number of reasons.

There have been a number of proposals made over the years. One of them came from myself and members of my caucus at the time, following the task force to which I just referred that we led in the Niagara region into the quality of water in Lake Ontario in particular, the Great Lakes system generally and the Niagara River specifically.

After we had done that there was a debate in the House on a New Democratic Party motion similar to the one before us today. I asked the House at that time whether I could table that report in the House because no doubt there may be some disagreement particularly from the Government side as to the conclusions arrived at in the report. I felt the information on the environment in the report would be useful to the House when it considers what has developed into one of the major concerns of Canadians, namely, the environmental front. At that time the House agreed to table the report for the information of Members and it was useful. The Minister

told me privately that it was useful to both him, his Department and, I assume, to members of his caucus.

Earlier this week our critic for the environment, the Hon. Member for Skeena (Mr. Fulton), after extensive consultations across the country with Canadians, environmental groups and others, presented a report on his consultations. It is a full document which is very helpful. I found it very informative and it reflected what I heard myself when I joined the Member for Skeena in the Toronto area to hear the delegation express their concerns.

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Mr. Speaker, in the interests of adding to the debate in the House, I wish to be helpful and offer to table this report in the House for the consideration of the Minister and Members. If there are no objections from any side of the House, I would indeed be pleased to table this report for the edification and use of Members from all sides of the House on a non-partisan basis.

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Mr. Young:** Mr. Speaker, I am not sure what kind of formalities we should go through to do this, or whether the Members of the Government and Official Opposition would consider it a contribution in a non-partisan way. That is the way I mean it to be.

Mr. Speaker, if I could have your attention, I wonder if I could seek the unanimous consent of the House to in fact do that: to table this report on the environment that was put together by my colleague, the Hon. Member from Skeena (Mr. Fulton).

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière)):** I am informed that it is not up to a single Member to table a document. I regret that there is no precedent for it.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the point that the Hon. Member has made and is asking. He is seeking the unanimous consent of the House to table the environmental report. With unanimous consent, I submit that it can be accepted.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière)):** I understand quite well that that was the point of the Hon. Member. However, I am informed that the document is