

Secretary of State for External Affairs Joe Clark responded:

...the question of cruise missiles is included in the START negotiations. It is a matter of negotiation between the United States and the Soviet Union. If an ally of the United States took an action that broke the solidarity of the West on questions in negotiation with the Soviet Union, that would weaken the prospects of progress being made in these negotiations.⁷

Mr. Clark later declared: "What worked on the INF can work on strategic systems."⁸

The issue of cruise missiles and START was raised by Ms Jewett again in March 1988. She stated:

As far as I can determine, the Government has not pressed upon the superpowers the absolute necessity of including cuts on both sides in cruise missile arsenals at the START talks in Geneva.⁹

Later in the debate, Progressive Conservative member Barbara Sparrow replied:

Canada has consistently supported the agreed USA and Soviet objective of a 50 per cent cut in their strategic arsenals. We have also advocated the negotiation of effective limits on long range air and sea launched cruise missiles. In addition, we have regularly conveyed our views to both negotiating parties on how this joint aim of radical

⁷ Commons Debates, 19 January 1988, p. 12059.

⁸ Ibid., p. 12059.

⁹ Commons Debates, 25 March 1988, p. 14157.