

## Oral Questions

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

GENSTAR TAKEOVER—REPORTED EARNINGS OF CHAIRMAN  
AND PRESIDENT

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Finance and is with regard to the Imasco takeover of Genstar. Is the Minister aware that, according to *The Toronto Star* business section of last Sunday, Mr. Angus MacNaughton, Chairman of Genstar, and Mr. Ross Turner, President of Genstar, will each earn \$40 million as a result of the Imasco takeover of Genstar? Was the Minister aware of that?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, I have seen those reports in the press, but have not confirmed them with anyone.

## MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, does the Minister see any problem with the Chairman and President of Genstar personally standing to make so much money from the merger?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)):** Mr. Speaker, I think that the arrangements between buyers and sellers are their own.

**Mr. Rodriguez:** It's a conflict.

**Mrs. McDougall:** What may seem extravagant to the Hon. Member, and perhaps even to myself, is not necessarily what is going to take place between consenting adults.

**Mr. Murphy:** We are paying for it, remember that.

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[Translation]

## STATUS OF WOMEN

NIELSEN REPORT—HALT TO CREATION OF UNIVERSITY CHAIRS  
OF WOMEN'S STUDIES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State responsible for the Status of Women.

One of the recommendations of the Nielsen Report is to stop creating chairs of women's studies. We know that interdisciplinary research is essential to the progress being by women in every way.

I wish the Minister would let us know whether he intends to implement this recommendation in the Nielsen Report.

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[English]

**Hon. Walter McLean (Minister of State (Immigration) and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member will know that the study teams have made a series of recommendations which are available to the standing committees for discussion. She will also know that study teams have in other places dealt with women's issues, such as the Advisory Council on the Status of Women. They have called for more research and enhanced appointment of women. All in all, some of the recommendations relating to women from the different study teams can be readily accepted, and others need to be discussed.

[Translation]

## PROMOTION OF STUDIES—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont):** Mr. Speaker, I am talking about chairs for women's studies, which is quite different from the research that the Advisory Council or other women's organizations can do.

Therefore, I would like to hear from the Minister whether he intends to implement the Nielsen Report recommendation, which is not at all like the answer he just gave me. So, is he going to implement this recommendation, and if not, what kind of measures is he going to take to promote research? I think that what the Council does and what chairs for women's studies do are two entirely different things.

[English]

**Hon. Walter McLean (Minister of State (Immigration) and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women):** Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the Hon. Member for her representations. I share with her the importance of research into women's studies. As she knows, in the last year there was the completion of five regional chairs set up across the country. The Government has been looking at whether to increase them, and the recommendations are part of the ongoing discussions on how best to enhance research into women's issues.

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## CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

## SALE OF CN ROUTE—SITUATION OF WORKERS

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Transport. He knows that CN Route is selling its assets to three Toronto investors. In the negotiations did the Government or the Minister take any steps to guarantee job security for the workers involved?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Minister of Transport):** Mr. Speaker, the CN management and board have agreed in principle to a proposal to sell CN Route. Within the context of that agreement there will be provision for certain job guarantees. Indeed, those details are being worked out at the present