

*Oral Questions*

Works. Yesterday an article appeared in *Le Devoir* alleging that the former Minister of Public Works requested a \$5,000 bribe from Mr. Glen Kealey, a PC organizer and riding association director in Hull and promoter of the \$157-million MICOT project, in return for support for this project.

On May 2, 1988, Mr. Kealey wrote a letter to the Prime Minister, a copy of which I have in hand, in which he said:

We also have had to deal with numerous conflicts of interest, involving the political interests of well known individuals.

Why was it that no RCMP investigation was commenced, and to this day there is still not an RCMP investigation concerning this very important set of allegations?

**Mr. Murray Cardiff (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I would just like to tell the Hon. Member that the RCMP are looking into this matter and it would not be appropriate to make any further comments at this time.

[Translation]

QUERY WHETHER RCMP INQUIRY HAS BEEN OR WILL BE INSTITUTED

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Government and the Deputy Prime Minister. Earlier this week, I asked the Prime Minister when he was informed of this matter and whether there had been an RCMP investigation into it. First, the Prime Minister did not answer and second, two Ministers and today a Parliamentary Secretary stated that there was an RCMP investigation. Since this is not the case, can the Deputy Prime Minister finally enlighten and inform this House and tell us the truth? Is there an investigation? Will there be one and when?

[English]

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, this question has been raised in the House on previous occasions. The Parliamentary Secretary has responded. The answer is very clear. He indicated that the RCMP are indeed looking into this matter and it would be inappropriate to comment on the issue at this particular time in light of that inquiry.

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### TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—ACCESS TO U.S. MARKET

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, the Deputy Prime Minister has suggested that it is crucial to maintain the spirit of the free trade agreement with the United States. Yet the United States itself, through its Congressional recommendations, has suggested attacks which will affect

Canadian fish processors, potato producers, and the harmonization of plywood standards, attacks which will affect duty remissions, electricity, and cultural industries. One could list virtually every single sector of our economy and see attacks which are part of the recommendations of the United States Congress.

How can the Deputy Prime Minister persist, given these attacks, in telling the Canadian people that he and his Government have somehow achieved a significant improvement in access for Canadian business to the U.S. market when in fact this access has been made much worse and is likely to be made even worse by this set of recommendations from Congress?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I listened very carefully to the Hon. Member's question. First he suggested that the proposals put forth by Congress were suggestions. Then, in another part of his question, he said they were recommendations, and then he went on to say that they were attacks.

This is part and parcel of the congressional-administration dialogue that is going on. We have expressed certain concerns about the approaches that Congress might want to take, and what is important is the end result. We are satisfied that the end result will be satisfactory to Canadians, all Canadians in all regions of this country, and the Hon. Member should get on board and start supporting it.

• (1130)

### PARLIAMENTARY CONSIDERATION OF BILL C-130

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister said that the spirit of this agreement has to be maintained. Given that, and in light of these suggestions or recommendations which are also attacks on producers right across the country, how can he possibly justify this Parliament continuing to consider Bill C-130?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, it is indeed incumbent upon both parties to maintain the spirit of the free trade agreement. Of course there have been suggestions from various sectors on both sides of the border regarding certain relevant parts of the agreement. Nonetheless, the spirit of the deal has to be maintained and we are monitoring the situation very closely and making representations to ensure that indeed is the case.

### MONITORING OF CANADIAN EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I think there is appreciation for this last minute attempt to defend what Canadians want to see defended about this country. However, given that news reports this morning suggest that the extra monitoring of Canadian exports to the U.S. is not going to be dropped but instead extended to all