

their families in Canada. Can the Minister tell the House what his Department is doing to speed up the reunification of all divided Canadian and Polish families, in addition to these three specific cases?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member knows that one of the major objectives of the CSCE has been to facilitate family reunification. There have been a number of cases with which we have dealt with Polish authorities. The additional cases which the Hon. Member mentions today serve our careful attention, but I must say we have had some success with the Polish authorities in these cases and we will continue to press them for further co-operation. I thank the Hon. Member for raising the matter because it will provide an occasion to make a further representation to these authorities.

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#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON WOMEN'S ALTERNATIVES FOR NEGOTIATING PEACE

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Yellowhead):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for External Affairs. On Friday the Minister appeared to agree to help fund Canadian participation in the proposed International Conference on Women's Alternatives for Negotiating Peace. However, his reply was so shrouded in conditions that it is in doubt. Will the Minister tell the House of Commons now what precise amount of financial support the Department of External Affairs is prepared to provide?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, I cannot tell the Right Hon. Member the precise amount, but I did want to indicate, in the message which I sent, a positive attitude toward the request.

**Mr. Dick:** That means no money.

**Mr. MacEachen:** When we have further details we will attempt, both within the Department and in other government Departments, to fund as much of that program as is possible. I want to tell the Right Hon. Member that, even though there were conditions, the main purpose is to be supportive of the request.

##### PROVISION OF SEED MONEY

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Yellowhead):** Could the Minister tell us whether seed money will be provided immediately, Mr. Speaker?

**Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs):** In this case, Mr. Speaker, I do not think the term seed money is quite appropriate. I think what is required is financial support, not seeds.

#### Petitions

#### FISHERIES

##### PROPOSED PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO ALCAN PROJECT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans who has now agreed to the need for a full federal public inquiry into Alcan's Kemano II project. His Department has completed the drafting of the terms of reference and is now searching for a chairperson for that inquiry. Will the Minister rise today, formalize the call for that inquiry, and give us some idea of a date when it might begin?

**Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, the policy of the Department as outlined by my predecessor is that when there is a major project which could have significant impact on the fishery, there is a full investigation. Concerning the Kemano project, the policy of the Department is that we want a full-fledged inquiry. What is the most practical way of achieving that? Should it be only one inquiry under the B.C. Utilities Commission or should we have a separate one? Of course the two should not duplicate the work. This is what we will try to achieve through proper consultations with the province. As for the principle, as the Hon. Member said, I am ready to recommend a full-fledged public inquiry.

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#### ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[Translation]

##### PENSION BENEFITS STANDARDS ACT

##### TABLING OF COPIES OF DRAFT AMENDMENTS

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order 46(2), I wish to table in both official languages, copies of draft amendments to the Pension Benefits Standards Act.

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[English]

#### PETITIONS

##### MS. McDONALD—CHINESE HEAD TAX

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, I have a petition to present today on behalf of a number of people who are members of the Chinese Elderly Persons Association of the Woodgreen Community Centre regarding the discriminatory nature of the Chinese head tax.

Wherefore the undersigned, your petitioners, humbly pray and call upon Parliament to issue an apology to Chinese Canadians for the treatment they received and to begin negotiations for proper compensation on the head tax.