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It is a big file. I might though, on the subject of conflicts of interest, ask those opposite to tell us what happened to the proposed conflict of interest code that was brought in September 5, 1985, when our Prime Minister said: "We have taken great pains to ensure that the new code leaves no doubt that the ultimate responsibility for the ethical standards of the federal government rests with the cabinet, and more particularly with me".

Wow. That is reassuring, is it not? It is 1993 now. Where is the code? Where do you start? Here is a quote from May 4, 1985: "Following the example set by Michael Wilson, it has been learned that the External Affairs minister Joe Clark's brother, Peter Clark, has been given all outside legal work awarded by the federal government's Calgary Olympic office".

Not to be outdone by the Wilson family, it has been revealed that External Affairs Minister Joe Clark's sister-in-law, Marcia Clark, was appointed as a temporary member of the National Parole Board.

She is now a full-time member.

The head of the riding association of the Minister responsible for Constitutional Affairs and/or his campaign manager now sits on the National Parole Board. The brother of the member for Athabasca sits on the Parole Board. What qualifications do any of these three, or virtually any of the Parole Board appointees made by this bunch opposite, have to make decisions on what amounts to a life and death situation for the 14 Albertans who were killed needlessly because of bad decisions by the National Parole Board since 1986? It is a trough for the boys and girls.

Here is another one from June 4, 1985:

Justice Minister John Crosbie continued the Conservative government's nepotism with appointments for his sons, Michael Crosbie and Chesley Crosbie, via the law firms—

And so on. Those boys need work. Here is another one from October 11, 1985:

Secretary of State Walter McLean has managed to spend more than \$100,000 on a trip to Africa with his wife.

The list gets so long and boring, but they just do not get it.

I would suggest that three-quarters of this bunch opposite are going to lose their seats because they just do not understand that Canadians are not back in the Duplessis era. They are not back in the 1950s in Quebec, Manitoba or British Columbia. Canadians have moved

on. They would like to have some respect for the people who get elected to this House.

There are exceptions. I can see one or two here. There are many people in this House on that side who are honest. However, the leadership comes from the top and there is no leadership on this issue. There is misleadership at the top on this issue.

What are we going to do about it? As a new government it is becoming increasingly evident that we are going to have to do a lot of things. I hope we will start with an ethics in government act, akin to what the American Congress introduced after Watergate. I hope we will do the kinds of things that President Clinton has done by having pre-employment contracts with appointees that prevent lobbying and influence peddling after people leave those positions.

The Canadian public is so mad at us collectively because of these acts, which I would say come from the leadership at the top of this government, that it is going to take us years and years to regain the confidence of our fellow citizens.

I do not know why we cannot have an ethics in government act or why we cannot have a conflict code that has some teeth to it. We simply must do this before this place will have the respect of Canadians again.

I would like to state some things I would like to see done, and I am speaking personally. I would like to see the recommendations of the Special Joint Committee on Conflict of Interest enacted. I know this is a controversial issue but I think that the spouses of members of Parliament, given the unique position we have, should have to disclose their assets.

The Departments of Supply and Services and Public Works should be merged to form the department of government services with absolute honesty and transparency in the way it does business with the public.

The Agency of Records should be eliminated. A government advertising bureau should be established to handle all government advertising contracts.

There must be a more rational system of wording government contracts in all ministries in order to allow small businesses a greater opportunity for access to them. There should be a central registry for all awarded contracts. Subject to security requirements the details of