

Oral Questions

The scandal was in Harry Kopyto's conviction under this law.

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[Translation]

MINES AND MINING**REQUEST THAT FLOW THROUGH SHARES SCHEME BE MAINTAINED**

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, spokesmen for Canada's mining industry and prospectors from Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Chapais and Chibougamau strongly urge the Governments of Quebec and Canada to retain the existing flow-through share provisions for the mining exploration sector.

For several months now I have been an active proponent of these provisions because they are important to northern Quebec.

As a result of discoveries made in 1985, nine projects will lead to productive operations within two to five years. Mr. Speaker, I can state that as a direct and indirect result of these flow-through shares, 5,000 permanent jobs will be created in the North within five years.

Mr. Speaker, before making any changes to tax shelters in the mining sector, the Governments of Quebec and Canada ought to bear in mind that such shelters can indeed prove to be an effective mechanism to tap the American market. Our tax system needs to be simplified, fair enough, but this should not signal the end of all tax shelters.

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[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**POLL RESULTS FAVOURING PROTECTION OF ENVIRONMENT**

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, Decima Research reports that to most Canadians protecting the environment is more important than saving jobs. Sixty-nine per cent of Canadians who were polled last June were willing to back moves to protect the environment, even if those measures affected employment. That survey revealed that most Canadians believe the risks of pollution are not worth the benefits to society or the economy.

All but 5 per cent of those surveyed said that Governments must get tougher with chemical companies. Seventy-five per cent said that chemical companies get away with too much. Sixty-five per cent favour jail for executives of companies which pollute the environment.

The strong desire of Canadians to protect the environment is good news. It is important news for municipal, provincial, and federal Governments. The Conservative Government has made many environmental promises. It is time now to deliver, in recognition of the values Canadians have articulated through Decima's poll.

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TEXTILES AND CLOTHING**NEED TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMER PREFERENCE FOR CANADIAN PRODUCTS**

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I should like to speak in favour of the current "Think Canadian" campaign. It is imperative that Canadians acquire the habit of buying Canadian-made products.

Every year we spend thousands of dollars to buy clothes which Canadian manufacturers market at competitive prices. Indeed our products are second to none when it comes to quality.

Each dollar spent on products made in this country spurs the economy and all Canadians stand to benefit.

This will make it possible to create and maintain employment for thousands of textile and clothing workers who will be able to keep the jobs they like, at which they are proficient, and which is their source of income.

So next time we go out shopping let us remember to "Think Canadian". All we need do is to check the labels to find out where the products come from and ask the store owners to point out those which have been made in Canada.

[English]

Mr. Speaker: In view of the earlier proceedings, I wish to bring to the attention of all Hon. Members that Question Period will now start and will carry on for 45 minutes.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY**AMERICAN LOBBYISTS' ALLEGED KNOWLEDGE OF LEGISLATION CONTENT**

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I listened to him very closely last night on television when he attempted to explain why it was that the lobby group known as the American Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association knew what was in the legislation before Canadians knew. It seemed to me that last night he felt that his options were either to punch somebody in the nose, or to