

The application of an oath will also pose legal problems. Thus this ruling will result in a costly nightmare that will create further chaos in our immigration system.

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SMALL BUSINESS

CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, I salute the many people who successfully run small businesses across Canada. I share the disappointment of those who have suffered under Tory small business philosophy and policy.

You who have been squeezed through tax increases, through broken promises for a revamped Federal Business Development Bank policy, and through cuts to programs under the Small Business Loans Act, know that I have been listening and I sympathize with your concerns.

The Conservative Government has increased the cost of your telephones. It has reduced loan guarantees. It has begun charging small businesses for the right to borrow this money and it has increased the size of businesses that qualify for small business loans. It seems in the eyes of the Government that you have to be a big business to be considered a small business. That is Tory small business policy.

We need a much more constructive approach, including more streamlined access to a co-ordinated range of government services. I remind small businesses that have been left out in the cold by the Tories, that all hope is not lost. Change is not too far off. Fairness and equity for small business owners and their families are the policy concerns of the Liberal Party of Canada.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES—MEMBER'S POSITION

Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo—Alberni): Mr. Speaker, last week in this House the Hon. Member for Kamloops—Shuswap (Mr. Riis) produced a report I had written to my constituents in which I related my thoughts on the proposal to purchase nuclear powered submarines. The Member told this Chamber that I had “recently stated” my opinions on the issue, and later suggested to the media that this is a new development.

The Hon. Member was wrong, as he often is. I wrote that piece in June, 1987, when the Defence White Paper was issued. It was published in all of the newspapers in my riding of Nanaimo—Alberni some 13 months ago, which tells us a great deal about the abilities of the NDP research department.

Oral Questions

The lengthy debate on this issue also tells us a lot about the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada and our Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). This is a Party of discussion and debate. This is a Party that listens to what Canadians have to say.

The Prime Minister has given this nation single digit inflation, single digit unemployment, and single digit interest rates. Prime Minister Trudeau only gave us the digit in British Columbia.

Trudeau called backbenchers “nobodies”. The Prime Minister has allowed us to be called “somebodies”. That is why the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada will be leading this nation into the next century.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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HISTORIC SITES

IMPORTANCE OF LACHINE RAPIDS

Mr. Claude Lanthier (LaSalle): Mr. Speaker, recently our very able Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) publicly recognized a most noteworthy natural feature of the environment situated in our riding of LaSalle, the Lachine Rapids. In fact, a bronze plaque confirming the importance of that part of the St. Lawrence, both for tourism and from the historical point of view will be put up next August close to that enchanting site.

All the constituents of the wonderful riding of LaSalle—Émard want to seize the opportunity of this unique event which constitutes national recognition of the site to issue a most cordial invitation to all Canadians. We hope that this symbolic action augurs well for the eventual recognition of the LaChine Rapids as a world heritage site.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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ENERGY

DEVELOPMENT OF HIBERNIA OILFIELD—ANNOUNCEMENT OF PLANS

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. This morning in Newfoundland and Labrador, the Government of Canada and the Government of Newfoundland announced with great fanfare and excitement their plans with respect to the development of Hibernia oil.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!