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for any other treatment than to be used for the development of housing.

As a matter of fact, with the sale that is taking place from Boeing to Bombardier, we are trying to effect a right of way for a collector road. Treasury Board and other officials of my department are trying to enhance the pace of development for these lands.

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[Translation]

## FORESTRY

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister for International Trade.

The Abitibi-Témiscamingue area is one of the great forest regions in Canada. The forest exporters will have to deposit bonds equivalent to the temporary countervailing duty of 14.48 per cent, which will represent an additional cost for Canadian and Quebec companies.

Is the minister prepared, along with the provinces and the forest industry, to face "general" Bush and his forest soldiers in order to win the fight for Canadian forest workers?

[English]

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** I would like to thank my hon. friend for a very thoughtful question. He raises a very important point.

The rates of subsidy that are alleged by the United States vary enormously from province to province with a particular unfairness when it comes to its application to his constituency.

Let us look at the facts. We have only had the second of four determinations from the United States. The department of commerce will make its final determination of subsidy by May 19. Following that we will have access to the dispute settlement mechanism under the free trade agreement which we will vigorously pursue.

I would remind him as well that we strongly object to the way the department of commerce conducted this case and we will continue to make that point.

## PETRO-CANADA

**Mr. George S. Baker (Gander—Grand Falls):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources stated in a press release last week, following a statement by William Hopper of Petro-Canada that if a new partner is not found within 60 days then Hibernia will be moth-balled.

If it is so committed to Hibernia, then why did the Government of Canada through its appointments to the board of directors approve a drilling program for Petro-Canada for this year of wells to be drilled in Vietnam and the Mekong delta; in Columbia, the home of the drug lords; in Myanmar, the kingdom of corrupt government?

Will this minister now tell Mr. Hopper to hop to it, cancel those foreign investments and to spend our taxpayers' dollars in Canada? Then we would not need another partner in Hibernia.

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, first of all I will try to answer that question.

I know it is within the jurisdiction of CIDA because what the hon. member is talking about is the former Petroleum Canada International Assistance Corporation, PCIAC. It had a \$50 million budget which was administered by Petro-Canada. It was through that budget that Petro-Canada was making various investments in various places around the world, some of which he mentioned. PCIAC was wound up not by this last budget but the previous-to-last budget and it was put into the CIDA account at that time.

**Mr. George S. Baker (Gander—Grand Falls):** Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada presently owns 80.5 per cent of Petro-Canada and has appointed every single member to the board of directors of Petro-Canada.

Not only did the government approve a Petro-Canada deal with that cruel military dictatorship in Myanmar, but this government also approved through the board of directors—they knew about it—a \$6 million so-called signing bonus to be paid to these military dictators.

Why did the government allow the deal to be signed in the first place, and then the \$6 million to be used as a 100 per cent deduction as a business expense on the income