

Oral Questions

the Philippines, the extradition process could be continued, and we hope to apprehend the individual and extradite him to stand trial in Canada.

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to hear that they will be able to extradite him, if they can find him.

I want to ask the minister what plans she has to locate this man, if in fact he is still in the Philippines. How will she find him? What methods can she use to bring him back here to Canada to face trial on these counts of child sexual assault?

Hon. Kim Campbell (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, I have indicated that we have every intention of proceeding with the extradition and to that end we have the full co-operation of the Philippine authorities.

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FORESTRY

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Forestry. Is it true that the Quebec Minister of Forestry unilaterally decided to deprive woodlot operators in eastern Quebec of some of the seedlings required for private reforestation, on the pretext that they receive federal funds from the plan for eastern Quebec?

[*English*]

Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of Forestry): Mr. Speaker, I cannot confirm or deny any of the reports that we have heard on the news in the last couple of hours. I would have been very disappointed, particularly in light of the very productive and cordial discussions that have gone on between myself and the minister of forestry for the province of Quebec, if he would have taken any precipitous action that would make life, particularly at this point of the planting season, more difficult than it already is for our private wood lot owners.

[*Translation*]

QUEBEC'S JURISDICTION OVER EDUCATION

Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, the government announced in the Speech from the Throne an unprecedented federal invasion into education and training. In this House, only the members of the Bloc Québécois rose to denounce such interference. Today, only a few hours ago, Liberal and PQ members of the National Assembly of Quebec almost unanimously passed a motion denouncing the federal government's interference in the sacred field of education, which is in provincial jurisdiction. My question for the Minister of Employment and Immigration is as follows:

In view of this position taken by both the Government of Quebec and the National Assembly, will the government finally withdraw its plan and agree to respect both the Constitution of Canada and the nearly unanimous political will of the Quebec National Assembly?

Hon. Bernard Valcourt (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, there is absolutely no attempt or intention on the part of the federal government to interfere in a provincial jurisdiction like education. If the hon. member were fair about the Speech from the Throne, he would recall that it fully and frankly recognizes provincial jurisdiction. If the Bloc Québécois member wants to deny Canadians and Quebecers an opportunity to discuss the need for developing a learning culture in Canada, well, I simply say that Canadians need more than education in brick buildings; they need to develop a learning culture in this country. This is what we want to do nationally—invite discussion.

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QUEBEC'S REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, we now see what is behind the mask. Just when this government is promising Quebec a thoroughly renewed federalism that takes into consideration Quebec's aspirations, it decides to launch an unprecedented offensive—something Pierre Elliott Trudeau himself would never have dared to do—and intrude in fields like health, education and regional development. My question is directed to the minister responsible for Quebec and regional development. I want to ask the minister, who