

I should think the only thing you can do is commend the federal Conservative Government for its accomplishments in Cape Breton.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

LEVY AUTO PARTS COMPANY

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Associate Minister of National Defence. He will be aware that on December 18, 1985, the RCMP laid charges against Levy Auto Parts of Toronto, a well-known supplier of spare parts to the military, for bribing DND officials with liquor, prostitutes, and other forms of entertainment, in return for their falsifying documents which would allow substandard military parts to be shipped to the U.S. Can the Minister explain to the House why his Department continues to this day to do business with the Levy group of companies?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am sorry I did not have any notice from the Hon. Member about this question. I would have undertaken to ask the appropriate questions and given him a full answer now. I will have to take it as notice and get back to him.

Mr. Riis: Perhaps the Minister would reflect back on when he was in opposition because he raised the same question.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, as of March 7 of this year the Pentagon again suspended Levy Auto Parts from doing any further business with them as a result of charges that they were conspiring to ship spare tank parts to Iran.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member is now into a preamble. Could we have a question?

Mr. Riis: Mr. Speaker, can we expect the Minister to explain to this House why his Government continues to do business with a company with which the Pentagon refuses to do business?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, just to set the record straight, I always gave notice when I wanted an answer.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Andre: My recollection of this issue from my days in opposition was that Levy was primarily supplying parts to

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other armies. We were merely supplying inspection and there was some question as to whether we were doing it properly. I think that has been dealt with and the persons who were not fulfilling their responsibilities have been punished.

As I indicated in my answer to the first question, I will look into it and get back to him with a more complete answer.

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TRADE

INCREASE IN EXPORTS

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Secretary of State for International Trade. Statistics Canada reported yesterday that Canada's exports in April increased by 9.5 per cent to a value of \$10.2 billion. Can the Minister provide the House with a breakdown of the international trading partners which have contributed so dramatically to this increase of exports, and does he expect the pace to be maintained?

Hon. James Kelleher (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, I take pleasure in commenting on the trade results for the past month. I can advise the Hon. Member in this House that our exports to the United States increased by 9 per cent, that our exports to Japan increased 25 per cent, and our exports to the United Kingdom by 27 per cent. I think all of that is proof that the new national trade strategy is alive, well, and, indeed, working. We expect this performance to continue.

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CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

FUNDING OF NON-PROFIT SECTOR

Hon. William Rompkey (Grand Falls—White Bay—Labrador): Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Employment and Immigration I would like to address my question to the Acting Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary.

Voluntary organizations have charged that the Government's job-creation program is simply a giveaway to the private sector. Memos from the Government's own Department confirm that. In other words, big business is getting the big bucks and the voluntary sector is getting short-changed.

I want to ask the Acting Minister or the Parliamentary Secretary when the Government will start listening to ordinary Canadians. When are they going to stop this drain from the voluntary sector, which has done such a good job in this