

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

TOXIC POLLUTION OF GREAT LAKES—REMEDIAL ACTIONS

Mr. Bob Horner (Mississauga North): Mr. Speaker, this Government recognizes the toxic chemical problems of the Great Lakes and has devoted considerable resources to their resolution. Specific actions include amendments to the 1978 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in November, 1987, as well as a number of provisions dealing with toxic substances; substantial research, monitoring and surveillance effort on the lakes which has been undertaken to identify and assess toxic problems and appropriate remedial strategies; development of remedial action plans for 12 longstanding Canadian areas of concern where water quality is impaired, and development of studies and management plans with the United States on inter-connecting channels of the lakes where toxic chemical problems are highlighted.

In a broader context the Canadian Environmental Protection Act passed earlier this summer will provide comprehensive management of chemicals so that Canada will not in the future be confronted with the kinds of problems which are prevalent today due to the neglect of the previous Government.

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TECHNOLOGY

PENALTIES URGED FOR DESTRUCTION OF COMPUTERIZED DATA

Mr. John Ostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, computers have become an integral part of all aspects of Canadian society. Governments, industry, and individuals rely on computers to cover the entire spectrum of usages. However, this very efficient means of information storage and transfer can be brought to an abrupt halt by viruses.

Computer viruses have the same effects as biological ones have on humans. A computer virus can reproduce, mutate, lie dormant, attack at a set time resulting in the shutdown of systems, modification or destruction of data. The ramifications are mind boggling. Just think of the crimes which could be performed. An example would be money transfers from banks and then having systems crash. Terrorists, organized crime, disgruntled employees can wreck havoc with our computer systems.

The Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre) must enact legislation which will impose harsh penalties on those who deliberately set out to manipulate or destroy data which actions can have a detrimental effect on Canadians.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

MEETING OF PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S QUÉBEC WING

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): There is nothing like a deathbed repentance, Mr. Speaker. It amazes me how a vision of Heaven will so concentrate the mind.

This weekend the Pearly Gates parted in St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, and the Conservative Party glimpsed the Heavens beyond. The Tories repented, Mr. Speaker, and they swore to follow a new morality. After four long years of marching through the desert, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) claimed to discover that elixir of life—honesty and integrity. No more corporate contributions, he proclaimed from the mount. "Political Parties have to go out and get their money from ordinary citizens, in limited amounts".

But while the scent of death and corruption lingers, we smell a more earthy odour arising from St. Hyacinthe. Can we really believe that Quebec's Conservatives will refuse the \$6.7 million of corporate donations raised in 1987? Will the Prime Minister renounce the \$260,000 donated by the big banks, or the \$10,000 given by Inco in 1987? And will Tory MPs outside Quebec turn as pure as the driven snow? No, Mr. Speaker, it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle.

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FISHERIES

DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS IN BONAVENTURE—ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE

Mr. Darryl L. Gray (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine): Mr. Speaker, recently I announced federal contributions in my riding of Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine regarding the development of aquaculture industries.

Since my election in 1984, this Progressive Conservative Government has emphasized new technology regarding the fishing industry in our area. In the riding of Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine we now have substantial private investments in the area of raising blue mussels, Atlantic salmon, and giant scallops.

I thank the Government for its interest in developing these new industries.

[*Translation*]

And also, Mr. Speaker, I would like to assure all consumers wishing to buy products from Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine that these are of the best quality. Good eating, everyone!