

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I may remind the House that no one has been deported to Haiti since November. I agree the situation is very sensitive. I am monitoring the situation daily to determine what is best for Canadians and for Haitians in Canada. Our next step will be to review the situation with the Secretary of State for External Affairs and determine what our future course will be.

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### THE ENVIRONMENT

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina—Qu'Appelle):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of the Environment, I would like to address my question to the Prime Minister.

On December 28 last year the Federal Court, for the second time, instructed this government to follow the laws of the land and conduct the proper environmental review process as it relates to the Rafferty Alameda Dam Project. While the government dithered, construction continued on the project. In fact, it is some 60 per cent completed now. Does the government not understand that the environmental review process was put in place in order to assess projects before they begin?

I would like to ask the Prime Minister this. When is this government going to take its own law seriously, revoke the licence and not allow any construction until after an environmental review has finished its inquiry?

**Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State (Forestry)):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the minister, may I reply to the hon. member. As he knows, the report has been given to the minister. The government has a period of 30 days within which to consider the report and to respond. This process is presently under way and due consideration has been given. I am sure the hon. member will be pleased with the government's response.

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina—Qu'Appelle):** Mr. Speaker, when the government finally decides to act, most probably the project will be finished. The Saskatchewan government is laughing at the federal government. The provincial minister responsible has said they have no intention of making major changes to the dam regardless of what the panel's findings are. In fact, the operating plants for the project call for indirect diversion of

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groundwater which is a clear violation of Section 12 of the federal licence.

Again I ask the minister if he is going to proceed with an environmental review panel. Will he tell the Saskatchewan government to cease construction until the panel finishes its report.

**Hon. Frank Oberle (Minister of State (Forestry)):** My colleague, the Minister of the Environment, intends to proceed in the exercise of his responsibility and will make his views and decision known. When he exercises this responsibility it will, of course, be implemented with the full force of his mandate and that of other departments of the federal government.

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### ROMANIA

**Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. Although the situation in Romania has improved considerably, there is still some important issues that need to be addressed.

Canada has sold, through the AECL, the Candu nuclear power reactor to Romania. Canadians are appalled to know that ethnic Hungarian Romanians were forced to labour under dreadful deprivation at the Candu sites. Their human rights were deprived. How long has the Secretary of State been aware of this offensive situation and what steps have been taken to ensure that these human rights abuses have ended?

**Right Hon. Joe Clark (Secretary of State for External Affairs):** Mr. Speaker, like the hon. member, I was very disturbed when I first saw those reports and have asked that officials look into the matter and report to me. The initial reports talked about slave labour. Subsequent reports talked about the use of military conscripts. I am continuing inquiries into the matter to find out exactly what was happening. I think it is quite appropriate that the government and Parliament know how long what was happening was known by officials. I am inquiring into that as well and will keep the hon. member advised.

**Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland):** Thank you for the response. However, there have been numerous reports that the breach of construction standards at the Candu sites have resulted in serious potential safety hazards and that on occasion Canadian supervision has been blocked. Should not Canadian support of this