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[English]

## SUPERMAILBOXES REPAIR COSTS

**Mr. George Baker (Gander—Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, I have. The only people handling the mail in the future will be merchants who already have a job. They do not have a job but it is machines, "a super-duper box", as they described to us, a box that talks, uses Visa, mails cards automatically, and even heats the ground on which you stand. Has the Minister made an estimate of the cost of continually repairing the superbox—the one with the lousy locks—and now purchasing super-duper box, the one that talks and warms your toes, and is it not cheaper to reinstate these 8,700 jobs and put back the handling of the mail into the hands of the people of Canada?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Translation]

**Hon. Michel Côté (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member does not seem to take the subject of Canada Post very seriously.

We have just set up a committee that will be responsible for examining the corporation's operations, and if the Hon. Member made his representations before the committee, we would give him the appropriate answers.

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[English]

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK MINISTER OF JUSTICE

**Mr. Speaker:** I would like to draw the attention of Hon. Members to the presence in the gallery of the Hon. David Clark, Minister of Justice for the Province of New Brunswick.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF CHAIRMAN OF NEW BRUNSWICK ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION

**Mr. Speaker:** Also, I would like to draw the attention of Members to the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Leslie Hull, Chairman, New Brunswick Electric Power Commission.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF SPEAKER OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

**Mr. Speaker:** Hon. Members will know that I take special pleasure in drawing the attention of the House to the presence in our gallery of the Hon. David Carter, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## Oral Questions

## TRADE

## UNITED STATES DUTY ON CANADIAN SOFTWOOD LUMBER QUERY

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, first I want to welcome the Minister of International Trade back to the House of Commons after her long absence.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Langdon:** Will the Minister promise, after four flip-flops in government policy on the lumber issue, that 15 per cent truly is a final figure, or is she prepared to give up more ground and cost more workers their jobs?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, I am glad to take the opportunity offered by the Hon. Member to report to the House on my very successful trip to Japan, following the Prime Minister's trip earlier this year.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Miss Carney:** Since he has shown such interest, I should add that I was able to follow upon the KANAO mission which found a new Canada here for direct investment since this Prime Minister and this Government took over. I was able to follow up with important amendments to the Japanese building code which will increase our lumber shipments abroad, and to defend our coal contracts by making our point about long-term commitments. This trip was further to our two-track policy for trade, where we place emphasis on our relations with our GATT partners as well as the U.S.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister not see that she demeans herself and this House—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Langdon:** —by not directly answering a question which is paramount in the mind of every Canadian—

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** Get to it.

**Mr. Langdon:** Is this 15 per cent a final offer, or is she prepared to give up yet further ground?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, the only one who is demeaning the House is the Hon. Member, who is suggesting that our trade with Japan, our second largest trading partner, is not important and not worth reporting to the House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** What about the answer?

**Mr. Penner:** Is that it?