

*Oral Questions*

## REQUEST FOR ASSURANCE THE MINISTER DID NOT RECEIVE ANY BENEFITS

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, we know the understanding that the Deputy Prime Minister has of the guidelines and so on, but the public must know whether or not the conflict of interest guidelines have been breached. That is something which is not decided by the Registrar. Will the Minister assure us that the guidelines were not breached and that there were no benefits to this Minister as a result of the loan as it was negotiated?

**Hon. Erik Nielsen (Acting Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, it is quite obvious that the Hon. Member is asking questions without even having taken the trouble to visit the office of the ADRG to look at the public record. If he had done so he would have found that the Minister had fully complied with the Code, as he is required to do.

\* \* \*

## HOUSING

## INTRODUCTION OF RENTAL HOUSING ACT BY PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

**Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister responsible for the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. On Monday, May 5, the Peterson Government of Ontario introduced a Draconian piece of legislation—the Rental Housing Act—which effectively blocks tenants of the former Cadillac Fairview apartment buildings from purchasing their own units. In view of the federal Government's interest in the buildings *vis-à-vis* the CDIC, will the Minister tell the House what action the federal Government is prepared to take in order to protect taxpayers and to assist tenants in their struggle for self-determination of their future and their homes?

**Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Member for his very important question. It is the first one today.

The Hon. Member must know that the responsibility rests with the Province of Ontario and the municipality. I can inform the Hon. Member that CMHC's policy as it pertains to social housing which is being sold is that tenants are given the right of first refusal. The Ontario Government has made a decision which is within its jurisdiction. I am very sorry, but there is nothing that the federal Government or—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down!

## CROWN CORPORATIONS

## PROPOSED SALE OF CANADAIR—ROLE OF MINISTER OF REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. The Minister knows that in the next number of months one of his prime responsibilities will be with respect to the Government's decision to proceed with the sale of Canadair. He knows that Magna has submitted one of a number of bids which have been made for the company. As well, as Minister he knows—

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Order!

**Mr. Tobin:**—neither the business community nor the public at large believe the Minister can be objective in managing this sale—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Tobin:** I wish to ask the Minister this. Does he not agree that if a senior official of York Centre, his own company, says he deserves a slap on the wrist, it is not surprising that the public of Canada believes he deserves a kick out of Cabinet?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I take it that the thrust of that—if we can call it a question—was, what is the process with respect to the privatization of Canadair? As I indicated to the House earlier, we have received five proposals which are now being analysed by Warburgs, Merrill Lynch and Burns Fry. In turn, they will be making recommendations to the officers of CDIC, who in turn will make a recommendation to the divestiture committee of CDIC, and then to the Board of CDIC, which will then make a recommendation to myself. From myself that recommendation will go to the privatization task force of Cabinet and, ultimately, the entire Cabinet will decide on what deal, if any, will be made with regard to Canadair.

## INQUIRY OF MINISTER

**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe):** Mr. Speaker, the real question is, what is the process by which this Minister, after a couple of weeks of heavy grilling in the House, comes to his senses, rediscovers his sense of decency and respect for public institutions—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order, order!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please.

**Mr. Tobin:** Does the hon. gentleman intend to tender his resignation and restore dignity to Parliament and to his post? That is the real question.

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