

Presence in Gallery

Meanwhile, only some of the relief aid that had been gathered for the victims of the Columbia volcano will be on that flight. I would like to know if it is the policy of the Government to fly wine, nuts, cheese and Christmas trees to our embassies while relief aid takes a back seat. It should become Government policy to co-ordinate training missions with relief agencies that have aid to be shipped to disaster affected areas.

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**SARNIA-LAMBTON DRINKING WATER—TEST RESULTS**

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia-Lambton): Mr. Speaker, I am absolutely delighted to report to the House very positive news from Sarnia-Lambton. Results of exhaustive and detailed tests of water samples from eight water treatment plants from Lambton to Windsor confirm that area drinking water is absolutely safe.

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The Ministry of the Environment tested samples at treatment plants at Windsor, Sarnia, Walpole Island, Wallaceburg, Amherstburg, Stony Point, Mitchells Bay, and Stag Island. The tests all showed absolutely no traces of dioxins and no hazardous levels of the other 109 chemicals and organic compounds for which tests and analyses were made.

Finally, we have solid factual evidence which defeats the negative hyperbole and speculation of those relatively uninformed people who made short visits to our area for press conferences, merely to cast aspersions on our area. Their comments never appeared to be backed by any factual information. Perhaps they will now take note of this scientific information.

Few people have been told that the quality of water in the St. Clair River has actually improved over the last several years. Many enjoy sport fishing, and hundreds participate in our salmon derby. We are known as the beautiful "blue water land", and we are working hard to develop it as a tourist area.

I will continue to make every effort to maintain the good name of Sarnia-Lambton, because I know that we have earned such a reputation. I will not stand by as others smear it.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS**PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR**

Mr. Speaker: May I draw the attention of Hon. Members today to the presence in our gallery of the Hon. Haig Young,

Minister of Public Works for the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

CROWN CORPORATIONS**SALE OF DE HAVILLAND—REQUEST FOR REVIEW BY INVESTMENT CANADA**

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I join with other Members of Parliament and all Canadians in saying that our hearts go out to the families of the American servicemen and women who lost their lives this morning in Newfoundland. I echo the very eloquent words of the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Member for Humber-Port-au-Port-St. Barbe who replied on our behalf, and the representative of the NDP.

My question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board. I think he will have recognized by now that the opinion of his colleague, the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion, to the effect that the de Havilland transaction is not subject to review by Investment Canada, is wrong. Will he ensure or guarantee to the House that the transaction will indeed be reviewed by Investment Canada and that Investment Canada will render public its report, particularly in respect of the other bidders who tried to enter a bid for the purchase of de Havilland and were unsuccessful because they were not given a fair hearing?

Hon. Robert de Cotret (President of the Treasury Board): Mr. Speaker, to the best of my knowledge the transaction is reviewable by Investment Canada. As to the results of the review under the Investment Canada Act, normal procedures will be followed, and they are not made public as a matter of course.

Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre): Check with your seat-mate.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): The Minister of Finance asks me to check with my seat-mate. I want the President of the Treasury Board to check what his colleague, the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion, said in the House on December 11.

[Translation]

REQUEST THAT ALL OPTIONS BE EXAMINED BEFORE CANADAIR IS SOLD

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure the Government of Canada is