

whether the forum chosen would address the concerns and allow the participation of the Innu people.<sup>36</sup> Associate Minister for National Defence Mary Collins replied:

...low-level flying has been taking place for over 25 years in the Goose Bay area. In 1986, my predecessor established in conjunction with the Federal Minister of the Environment, a federal environmental review process. This is a process by which we can determine the facts, the facts of what the environmental and social and economic implications of low-level flying may be in that area. That process is ongoing. The environmental impact statement is being prepared.<sup>37</sup>

Ms. Collins went on to point out that the Innu had submitted their views and their understanding of the environmental impact statement to the government, and that hearings would proceed in the fall of 1989. Such hearings, she added, would provide the forum for full discussion and rational decision-making on the issue.<sup>38</sup>

On 1 May 1989, Liberal Member Warren Allmand raised the subject of the NATO debate over SNF, telling the House:

Canada must support West Germany in its attempt to reduce short range nuclear missiles in Europe. In this respect Canada must join with other NATO allies to convince the United States and Britain that this is the best option for peace and stability. To pursue modernization of these weapons, which was targeted for the mid-1990s, will jeopardize seriously the prospect for successful arms reduction in Europe, and undermine the possibilities for phasing out the cold war.<sup>39</sup>

The next day, NDP Member Bill Blaikie observed that there was growing support for the German position favouring negotiations on SNF instead of the modernization supported by the United States and the United Kingdom. Noting that there was little indication of Canadian involvement in the debate, Mr. Blaikie asked External Affairs Minister Clark whether Canada was in fact prepared to support the German position.<sup>40</sup> Mr. Clark replied:

There is an agreement supported by Canada, the Federal Republic of Germany, and all the Government heads of NATO that we should proceed with modernization. The question before NATO now is one as to the timing and balance between modernization and negotiation. The Government has been involved in

36 *Commons Debates*, 20 April 1989, p. 736.

37 *Ibid.*

38 *Ibid.*

39 *Commons Debates*, 1 May 1989, p. 1125.

40 *Commons Debates*, 2 May 1989, p. 1203.