

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Madam Speaker, when the hon. member talks about massive sales of water he truly is all wet.

We have all read the free trade agreement. The free trade agreement could not be more clear. Two things that it allows is the sale of bottled water, which probably makes good commercial sense for water bottlers, and tank containers of water. Beyond that, the free trade agreement does not allow this.

I again invite the hon. member to read the 1987 Water Act.

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### HOUSING

**Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Housing. There are 5,000 low income families on the waiting list for co-op housing in Toronto. According to *The Toronto Star*, one of the units in a subsidized co-op housing project intended for low and moderate income persons is being occupied by the NDP member for Trinity—Spadina who makes \$80,000 a year.

What is the minister going to do about this situation?

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**Hon. Alan Redway (Minister of State (Housing)):** Madam Speaker, as the hon. member will know, part of the co-op housing philosophy is to have a mixture of incomes in a particular project. However, the hon. member will also know that it has been the federal government's policy since 1985 to ensure that all of our money is targeted toward low and modest income people.

This year the co-op housing program is being reviewed by the federal government and situations such as the one pointed out by the hon. member are extremely unhelpful in that particular situation.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I will allow two single questions. The hon. member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell and the hon. member for Burin—St. George's.

### Oral Questions

#### TOURISM

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism and it concerns the ad contract given to Camp and Associates for tourism promotion.

As the minister knows, his government, in answering my access to information request, has refused to make public the ratings of each bidder for that contract. Of course, by coincidence, Camp and Associates was the bidder that got the contract.

I want to ask the minister just exactly what it is that the government has to hide.

**Hon. Tom Hockin (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Madam Speaker, I have two very important revelations for the hon. member this morning. First, he should be reminded that Treasury Board guidelines dictate the choice of the advertiser for the Government of Canada. Treasury Board guidelines put together a panel of public servants who make this decision and the decision, as the hon. member knows, was made from six invited firms that came to bid on the work.

**Mr. Boudria:** You whited out the pages.

**Mr. Hockin:** A further revelation, which is so important, since Camp has taken over the advertising for Tourism Canada, Canada has now a very strong image in the United States, and it is our major job to advertise in the United States.

In 1984 when we took over, on nine attributes of tourism the United States came first in seven and Canada came first in two. The results that I received last month indicate that on those nine attributes Canada is now first in seven and the United States is first in only two.

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#### COMPETITION BUREAU

**Hon. Roger C. Simmons (Burin—St. George's):** Madam Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Acting Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. He will be aware that the Director of the Competition Bureau has complained publicly that he is the last to hear about mergers, that companies are entering into mergers and telling him after the fact.