

### Oral Questions

Yes, Mr. Speaker, Liberal and Reform members joined forces yesterday in an effort to defeat a Bloc Québécois motion recognizing Quebec's right to a minimum of 25 per cent of seats in the House of Commons.

This Bloc motion would have guaranteed a quarter of the seats to one of Canada's two founding nations and met Quebecers' historical and legitimate demands to maintain a minimum amount of political weight within the Canadian federation.

The attitude displayed yesterday by Liberal members is an example of double talk in that—

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[English]

### MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT PENSIONS

**Mr. Cliff Breitkreuz (Yellowhead, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the Liberals just do not understand. Their promise to reform the big bucks for life club, euphemistically known as the MP pension plan, has gone by the wayside. Despite the token changes to the plan, MPs' pensions still have unlimited protection against inflation and will grow in value at a rate twice the legal maximum in the private sector.

If the Deputy Prime Minister retires in three years, she will stand to collect a cool \$2.7 million until age 75. She fought to maintain her cushy pension plan, which comes courtesy of hard working Canadians.

Perhaps she fought so hard for her pension because she thought she would be forced to keep her promise and resign. We all remember when the Deputy Prime Minister said she would quit if the GST was not scrapped by her government. Lucky for her, she has an understanding boss who will let her keep her job, despite the millions of Canadian taxpayers who despise both the GST and the outrageous MP pension plan.

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[Translation]

### MEMBER FOR RIMOUSKI—TÉMISCOUATA

**Mr. Mauril Bélanger (Ottawa—Vanier, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the hon. member for Rimouski—Témiscouata displayed her good taste in urban planning, and her appreciation of urban beauty in particular, a science the popularity of which would no doubt have increased dramatically following her statement, had it not been for her apologies today, apologies that the people of Hull graciously accept.

What the hon. member did not realize is that, in the Hull neighbourhood she referred to, we find "matchstick" houses, a style apparently unique to Canada.

Reporters must be very grateful to the hon. member who, time after time, week after week, has managed to make the news and shock at the same time. In a recent radio interview, the hon.

member indicated she had considered an acting career. Well, in this case, she gave us a fine example of her talent as a comedian.

If the hon. member for Rimouski—Témiscouata did not already exist, she would have to be invented.

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### CITY OF HULL

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, let me tell you a thing or two about one of the most important towns in Quebec: the City of Hull.

With its numerous parks, the Museum of Civilization, the Maison du Citoyen, its golf courses and fine restaurants, Hull is a very nice place where very nice people live. Just to show how great a place it is, Hull even has a street named Boudria.

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I encourage Bloc members to cross the river once in a while and visit the town where my ancestors and myself were born and take a good look. They will see a great community to live in.

[English]

**The Speaker:** Before we get into question period, generally speaking the Chair has always given a great deal of latitude in the statements made. I would encourage all hon. members to keep that in mind. It seems to me, as we come closer to individual attacks, that whatever words we use, we use them judiciously.

Also, I would like to remind you that you cannot reflect in the statements on a vote that has been taken. I just bring that to your attention for future reference.

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[Translation]

### PEARSON AIRPORT

**Hon. Lucien Bouchard (Leader of the Opposition, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Prime Minister, my question will be directed to the Deputy Prime Minister.

The number of accusations is growing concerning the role played by the Liberals in the process of privatizing Pearson airport, including allegations that appeared recently in the *Financial Post* about a possible involvement of the Prime Minister himself. Today, an influential newspaper, the *Globe and Mail*, is demanding a public and independent inquiry to get all the facts on this murky business.

In view of the troubling allegations that question the integrity of the Prime Minister and of his government, does the government intend to establish a genuine commission of inquiry into the contract for the privatization of Pearson airport, something