

*Oral Questions*

other charge to prevent or preclude the extradition of Mr. Eagleson to face United States authorities.

When American authorities request the extradition of Mr. Eagleson to face charges in the United States for racketeering and embezzlement, will the minister allow those proceedings to have priority over any charges laid by the RCMP subsequent to an extradition request?

**Hon. Herb Gray (Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Solicitor General of Canada, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member makes an interesting point and it is that the U.S. authorities have not yet sought the extradition of Mr. Eagleson. If and when they do this matter will be for the Minister of Justice to deal with, not the Solicitor General.

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**INGLIS LIMITED**

**Mr. Janko Peric (Cambridge, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Industry.

Yesterday I was advised by a representative of Inglis Limited that its parent company, Whirlpool Corporation, will be closing its manufacturing facility in my riding of Cambridge.

Given that my riding has had both very good and very bad news in the course of one week, does the minister have any words of advice for those workers at Inglis who will be losing their jobs and of course for my people in Cambridge?

**Hon. John Manley (Minister of Industry, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, it is regrettable that Inglis has decided to close its facility in Cambridge, Ontario. It is a loss of jobs. It represents a restructuring that is occurring within that corporation as it moves its production to its main plant.

The good news of course is that in the last week or so Toyota Corporation announced that it would be investing \$600 million in a major expansion to its facility in Cambridge, Ontario, creating 1,200 long term jobs in the community.

I think that represents not only a very important endorsement by one of the world's major corporations of Canadian competitiveness but it is also a clear win for Canadian workers in the auto sector who have proven that they can be productive and competitive and that they can make automobiles as good as anyone else in the world.

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**IMMIGRATION**

**Mr. Osvaldo Nunez (Bourassa, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

After pressure was exerted by the Official Opposition, the review of appointments to the IRB has shown that the minister is continuing the same system of patronage as the former govern-

ment. The only difference is that now the open conflict between the various factions is further undermining the board's credibility.

Following the resignation of the executive director and the indefinite suspension of the vice-chairman, when will the minister restore some order to the board?

[English]

**Hon. Sergio Marchi (Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I think it would be very unfair to simply take the one person under question this week and draw the conclusion that every one of the IRB members, all 211, are going to be painted by the same brush.

Instead we should recognize that it is an important federal institution. We should be seeking reforms and modifications on how we can build up the institution and not seek to politically exploit the difficulty and tear it down.

It would be unfair to simply say that the appointment process is one that was there years ago.

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We have gazetted all the appointments, all of them are evaluated under the same standard by the IRB. I think we should continue to seek reforms. We have put some reform proposals before the agency and program review. If the hon. member has additional recommendations we would be more than pleased to entertain them.

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**GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES**

**Mr. Charlie Penson (Peace River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Industry will be aware that the government's competition bureau has finished its investigation of the defence department and the way it contracts household moves. The competition bureau has now directed the defence department to open up the bidding process beyond the four big van lines.

Will the minister make public a summary of the report so that parties who want to bid on future projects will know what the new rules are for bidding on household moves?

**Hon. John Manley (Minister of Industry, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the director of investigation and research under the Competition Act, as the member indicates, has provided advice to the interdepartmental committee which is responsible for government moves. He has also indicated that from his point of view he is satisfied that letter of advice can be made public.

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**CHINA**

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway, NDP):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa.