

Oral Questions

of the New Democratic Party and their fellow travellers snuggled in the bosom of the Liberal Party.

I am happy to be able to tell the hon. gentleman that I have already asked that this item be put on the agenda for the next federal-provincial meeting of Attorneys General and hope to have some action on it, always keeping in mind that we wish to protect the rights of the women of Canada with references to family law. We will try to accomplish both of these things when another constitutional amendment comes forward.

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BANKS AND BANKING

CANADIAN COMMERCIAL BANK—COMMITTEE EXAMINATION

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of State for Finance. Given what we have just heard from the Government House Leader that the Government is anxious to move the question of the CCB into committee, and given the fact as well that the committee's report on the CCB is just riddled with statements that the committee could not complete its report because it did not have access to the proper information and that the Inspector General of the Banks was not forthcoming with information, how can she expect the committee to get to the truth of the matter if all these documents and information are not fully available to the committee?

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, I have indicated that I will give every document to the committee that I am legally entitled to give them. I have offered to break down the categories of depositors in a way that should meet their satisfaction about the legitimacy of these claims. We are working through other channels to attempt to get the report from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in the United States. We have bent over backwards to indicate that we will provide the committee with this information.

[Translation]

REQUEST FOR REASON JUDICIAL INQUIRY REFUSED

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. Considering that the auditors have indicated that the Canadian Commercial Bank loan portfolio would not be available, that the Minister will not provide us with the list of depositors, and that the bank inspector has refused—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

[English]

It must be Wednesday. Does the Hon. Member have a question?

[Translation]

Mr. Cassidy: With that in mind, why can we not have a judicial inquiry to shed light on all facts pertaining to the Canadian Commercial Bank collapse?

[English]

Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of State (Finance)): Mr. Speaker, we have indicated from the beginning that we want the facts public on this very serious situation. I take this as a very serious situation which the Hon. Members on the other side do not seem to do. At my request I was in committee to give them an early explanation as soon as we made the announcement. I have offered to bring everything that I can possibly bring to the committee. I do not know what more the Hon. Member expects that we can do. We have been far more forthcoming than your Party has.

Mr. Deans: We have given you everything we have.

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NATIONAL DEFENCECOMPENSATION FOR SINKING OF THE *LADY MARJORIE*

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of National Defence concerning the case of Walter Theriault. I know he is familiar with the sinking of the *Lady Marjorie* because it has been brought to the attention of the House by my colleague from South West Nova. Over six months have gone by since this unfortunate incident. The Minister knows that justice delayed is justice denied. Can he indicate to the House what action is being taken and when we can see this claim settled for the Theriault family?

Hon. Harvie Andre (Associate Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I am well aware of the interest of the Hon. Member in this unfortunate situation. A board of inquiry is looking at it. I gave instructions to officials in the Department that they should make haste so that this matter can be put to rest finally and in the near future.

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[Translation]

FISHERIES

SALE OF TAINTED TUNA—PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Right Hon. the Prime Minister.

After today's oral questions period, does the Prime Minister not find it passing strange that he should be the only one to be in step? His friend MacAdam never said that. The former Minister of Fisheries and Oceans withdrew his statement. The Member for Carleton-Charlotte is ill and cannot possibly have said that. He claims that the news media are imagining things.