

brought to the attention of the House, is unfair inasmuch as I only have three minutes to respond. The question does not cover that which the Hon. Member has raised in the House and on which this debate is based. I would suggest to the Hon. Member for York North (Mr. Gamble) that he should bring the specifics of this question before the Minister of Defence at a meeting of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence. He should provide the Minister with the details and obtain the answers he seeks from him. He will in that way get the response he wants.

In the meantime I want to talk generally about what is happening in the specific field covered by the question. That is, what is the Canadian content and what are the industrial offsets of the Canadian Patrol Frigate Program which is now in force and which has been in effect for approximately a year.

I want to assure the member that there is no doubt that this is not the first defence contract of this magnitude the Government has undertaken. The ability to negotiate substantial benefits to Canadian industry in this very complex environment is well proven by the efforts involving the new fighter aircraft, the Aurora aircraft program, as well as the Leopard program.

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Even though the CPF contract is only beginning, we are fully confident that what the Government set out to do, that is, acquire an excellent weapons system while at the same time maximizing benefits to Canada is achieved. The contractor's commitment to the Government is to achieve at least \$1.6 billion, two-thirds in Canadian content and one-third in offset benefits. This represents approximately two-thirds of the contract target price, less federal sales tax. The commitment is to be achieved over the life of the contract and is made up of specific sums for each contract year. The first contract year will end on March 31, 1984.

Keeping in mind that the time for adjournment debate does not permit any further discussion, I will give the Hon. Member the list of the contracts he seeks and, of course, welcome him to the next meeting of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and National Defence at which the substance of his argument can be debated in greater detail.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order, please. The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at eleven o'clock.

At 6.05 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
