

consulting services. This demand for Canadian geologists is particularly strong in the United States energy sector.

**An Hon. Member:** Question.

**Mr. Johnson:** The Free Trade Agreement has however left out these highly qualified Canadian professionals. Schedule II of the Free Trade Agreement provides a list of—

**Mr. Speaker:** I understand the importance of the question. I would ask the Hon. Member to put his question.

**Mr. Johnson:** I would like to ask the Minister, when will geologists be added to the list provided in Schedule II of the Free Trade Agreement?

• (1440)

**Hon. John McDermid (Minister of State (Privatization and Regulatory Affairs)):** Mr. Speaker, the Member's interest in this matter is very much appreciated. Indeed, I am aware that geologists, especially in Alberta, are interested in being included in Chapter 15 of the Free Trade Agreement. Their inclusion will be raised by Canada at a consultation later this year, which is allowed under Section 1503 of the Free Trade Agreement.

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MR. KAJ EGEDE, MINISTER OF FISHERIES, GREENLAND

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to draw to the attention of Members the presence in the gallery of Mr. Kaj Egede, Minister of Fisheries, Greenland.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS FROM MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES, SINGAPORE AND BRUNEI

**Mr. Speaker:** I also wish to bring to the attention of Members the presence in the gallery of parliamentary delegations from Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Brunei, members of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

## Oral Questions

### CRIMINAL CODE

#### FREEDOM OF THE PRESS

**Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg—St. James):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister. It concerns the Criminal Code, clearly a matter of federal jurisdiction. Yesterday, no fewer than five members of his caucus were critical of the charge laid against a member of the press gallery. The Hon. Member for Annapolis Valley—Hants said it was a total error in judgment. In fact, a member of the Prime Minister's cabinet, a former journalist, said that he has used leaked documents, to use his words, "as a journalist would".

My question is this: When has using leaked documents "as a journalist would" become a criminal offence in this country?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I thank my hon. friend for a very important question because it goes to the heart of the issue of freedom of the press in which I, and I am sure all Members of the House of Commons irrespective of political affiliation, believe very deeply. It has been a concept that in many ways distinguishes our society and we are all very proud of it. It is a value that is in our Constitution, was in Mr. Diefenbaker's Bill of Rights and has been endorsed by all of us.

**Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova):** Overstepped by the Government.

**Mr. Mulroney:** I am attempting to respond to a serious question by your colleague.

Given that deep respect that we all have for the freedom of the press, it will be up to the courts to consider this matter fully, as they shall, and to render decisions based on Canadian law, custom and the values that we all support.

#### CHARGES LAID AGAINST MEMBER OF THE PRESS—GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

**Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg—St. James):** Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister may have deep concern about freedom of the press, but we cannot ignore what has happened in the last couple of days in this country.

Now that the door has been opened to laying charges against members of the media for embarrassing the Government, where does it all end? Will Canada be-