

*Oral Questions*

remind him that with a \$31 billion deficit, the Government is not putting an undue burden on taxpayers, and that we have taken all kinds of measures to stimulate the tourist industry, and I hope that in the months to come, we shall also be able to announce further measures to encourage the tourist industry in Canada.

[English]

REQUEST THAT MINISTER WITHDRAW SALES TAX

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister should know that, as a result of his Government's action, the United States is now retaliating by taxing Canadian promotional tourist material, to be specific, that is destined for the United States. Since Canada sends far more material to the United States as a result of its larger market, the clear loser in this area is the Canadian tourist industry. Therefore I ask the Minister, very clearly and specifically, as a result of this negative obstacle to the tourist industry in Canada, is he prepared, in fairness to the industry, to withdraw this detrimental 9 per cent sales tax on U.S. tourist material?

[Translation]

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** No, Mr. Speaker, for the simple reason that the Hon. Member ought to know that we also want to encourage employment in Canada, and that insofar as this kind of work for the tourist industry can be done by Canadian printers, we are prepared to support this measure rather than stimulate employment in the United States, at the expense of Canadian workers.

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[English]

### PENITENTIARIES

MILLHAVEN RIOT—GUARD WRONGFULLY BLAMED BY  
PARLIAMENTARY SUBCOMMITTEE

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Justice. In 1977 a parliamentary subcommittee on the penitentiary system, of which the Minister was the chairman, reported that prison guard Bernard Evans uttered statements that precipitated the riot at Millhaven Penitentiary. After a lengthy judicial procedure, the Public Service Appeal Board ruled yesterday that Bernard Evans did not make the remarks attributed to him by the subcommittee.

Given the injustice that has been perpetrated, and the negative impact that this has had on Mr. Evans' career, what steps is the Minister prepared to take to see that the stigma that has been attached to Bernard Evans no longer exists?

**Hon. Mark MacGuigan (Minister of Justice):** Mr. Speaker, this is not a question which is addressed to me in my capacity as Minister of Justice but, I gather in a former capacity, and since the Speaker has allowed the Hon. Member to ask the question, I guess I may be allowed to reply.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Speaker does not attempt to determine which Minister, but the question should be asked of the Solicitor General.

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I can only say at this time that the Correctional Service of Canada is reviewing and seeking legal advice on the decision which was handed down yesterday to see whether anything can be done within its terms of reference in relation to the findings of that Board.

**Miss MacDonald:** This is hardly good enough, Mr. Speaker. I was seeking legal advice from the Minister of Justice, and that is to whom I directed my question. What I am saying is that—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** With all due respect, legal advice is not permitted. If the Hon. Member wishes to ask a question involving the operation of the Solicitor General's Department, then that is in order.

**Mr. Nielsen:** That is up to the Minister.

REQUEST THAT APOLOGY BE EXTENDED

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, it is not good enough that the House of Commons, or a Minister of the Crown, cops out on this question. A serious mistake has been made, a serious mistake by Parliament. If we in Parliament cannot admit to our mistakes and take methods to correct them, how can people expect justice here—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Will the Hon. Member please ask her supplementary question?

**Miss MacDonald:** Mr. Speaker, can the Minister at least arrange for an apology to be extended to Bernard Evans for the wrong that has been done to him?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, the wrong to which the Hon. Member refers was not done by the Correctional Service of Canada. The wrong to which I gather she is referring is the unanimous report of a parliamentary committee. I do not think that a Minister of the Crown should be called upon to take steps in relation to a report of a committee.

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### THE ECONOMY

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE MEMBER'S OPINION

**Mr. Leonard Hopkins (Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. Some time ago, when speaking to an Ottawa Valley audience, the Hon. Member for Mississauga South was questioned by the audience on how long it would take a PC Government to turn the Canadian economy around. That great fountain of