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initiative and principle. As a result, the former President of York University, Dr. Ian MacDonald, has accepted the role of co-ordinating our efforts to come up with some resolutions and suggestions which we hope to start implementing as early as next year.

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**INDUSTRY**

## SALE OF MITEL CORPORATION—EMPLOYMENT SAFEGUARDS

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion. However, in his absence I will direct my question to the Prime Minister.

On February 26 of this year speaking on behalf of the Government of Canada with regard to the sale of Mitel to British Telecommunications the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion stated:

Jobs will be preserved as a result of this transaction as Mitel's manufacturing as well as research and development activities will continue to be carried out in Canada.

What safeguards to back up this commitment of the Government of Canada were placed on the conditions of the sale of Mitel to British Telecommunications?

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**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion I would say that I know he and members of the Government recognize the unfortunate situation that has occurred with respect to Mitel. I can also tell the Hon. Member that the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion is looking into the matter and in fact is checking out the commitments under the safeguards to which the Hon. Member referred.

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT TABLE DOCUMENTS  
CONCERNING SALE

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, will the Government undertake to table in the House of Commons today the details of the sale of Mitel to British Telecommunications so that Canadians can find out what provisions, if any, were made to keep this research and development and these jobs in Canada?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, I will take that question under advisement. I think the Hon. Member would know that documents which would pertain to commercial confidences would have to be excluded, but I will certainly undertake to look into that and report back to the Hon. Member.

**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## AFGHANISTAN—SOVIET INVASION—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, my question is addressed to the Prime Minister. The Government deserves the congratulations of the House and the Canadian people for having successfully achieved the freedom of the Soviet prisoners from Afghanistan.

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

**Mr. McCurdy:** However, my question is the far more serious one of the freedom of the people of Afghanistan. What steps has the Government taken to obtain the removal from Afghanistan of the Soviet Union military which has imposed upon those people a dictatorship of foreigners, freedom from which should be achieved by the participation of all free countries in the world?

**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member knows that Canada took a very strong stand against the invasion of Afghanistan in 1979 and took very strong measures to demonstrate that. It was under the leadership of the then Secretary of State for External Affairs, my colleague, the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands, and I think she deserves to be fully commended for that initiative.

The passage of time has not diminished our resolve with regard to the unacceptability of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. We are also very deeply concerned about the massive violation of human rights and are doing everything in our power not only to facilitate an end to the war that is taking place but particularly to deal with the area of human rights. I join with the Hon. Member in congratulating all those who were involved, including the *Kingston Whig-Standard*, the Ukrainian Immigrant Aid Society, the Secretary of State for External Affairs and indeed the entire Department of External Affairs, in the latest very bold initiative.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

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**PATENT ACT**

## MEASURE TO AMEND

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Andre that Bill C-22, an Act to amend to Patent Act and to provide for certain matters in relation thereto, be read a second time and referred to a legislative committee; and the amendment of Mrs. Killens (p. 1378).

**Mr. Speaker:** When the House rose at one o'clock, the Hon. Member for Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands (Mr. Manly) had the floor.