

been informed by the Board that they have been in communication with the Canadian Labour Congress and that they are expecting to have a presentation made. As I understand it, they have even agreed on a date. I think that the Board are acting under the law of this Parliament and have said that they want to hear representations on this matter. They have provided a date for the CLC to appear in front of the Board, so there is not much more I can do about it.

**Mr. Murphy:** I guess the Minister has found a way out of answering why he lied to the House, whether intentionally or unintentionally, last week.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. The Hon. Member has used an expression that is unparliamentary. I would ask him to withdraw his remark.

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, I withdraw the remark. Obviously the answer was somewhat in variance with the truth, for whatever reason.

#### REPORT OF INCREASED RISK TO PREGNANT WOMEN

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, since an official of the Atomic Energy Control Board admitted in *The Citizen* yesterday that there is increased risk to pregnant women under the new regulations that are being put forward, does the Minister not believe that open public hearings are not only in the interest of workers but of the public, and that they should not be closed meetings but meetings at which the public will be able to attend and on which the media can report? Should that not be done?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I think that when the Board is giving everyone who wishes to appear the opportunity to do so, it is very difficult for me to ask for more than that. If the Hon. Member wants to appear I will make sure that he will be heard by the Board. If he wants to have the press with him, he can take them with him.

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#### ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

##### INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT IN PERFORMANCE OF MILITARY CONTRACTS

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Solicitor General. It is in regard to the RCMP investigation into the alleged misconduct by DND employees in accepting cash or other favours to overlook quality defects in material sold by Levy Auto Parts of Toronto under various military contracts. Can the Minister indicate when that investigation will be completed by the RCMP?

Can he also indicate how the RCMP became aware of these alleged misconducts? Can he confirm that it was in fact the

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American FBI that discovered this potential breach of ethics here in Canada, and that it was the FBI that informed the RCMP, and subsequently DND?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I will not answer either of those questions. I suggest that the Hon. Member should not be asking them. I would remind him and all Members that he has the potential, by questions and statements that he makes under the protection and immunities which we enjoy in this place, to prevent a fair trial from taking place, if, indeed, that investigation results in charges being laid. I would urge him and other Members to take that limitation into consideration when they are deciding on questions to ask in the House.

**Mr. Andre:** I suggest the Minister should listen to the question before reaching any judgment as to whether any potential court case might be prejudiced.

#### SALE OF TANK PARTS TO SOUTH AFRICA

**Mr. Harvie Andre (Calgary Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in 1981 this company was accused by a former employee of breaking Canadian law by selling tank parts to South Africa in contravention of our agreement under NATO. Can the Minister tell the House whether the RCMP investigated that allegation, whether that company was given a clean bill of health and therefore allowed to continue these military contracts of which it allegedly has been in violation?

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (Solicitor General of Canada):** Mr. Speaker, I do not normally ask the police to report to me on investigations that are under way. The Hon. Member is asking me to inform myself about a matter and see whether the investigation is a proper one, and if all allegations that have been made that deserve to be considered are being considered. I will consider the Member's representation and decide what to do about it.

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#### PUBLIC WORKS

##### TORONTO HARBOURFRONT DEVELOPMENT—RAMPART ENTERPRISES CONTRACT

**Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. Could the Minister explain to the House the unusual wheeling and dealing which has gone on between the Department of Public Works, Harbourfront Corporation and Rampart Enterprises, with respect to the harbourfront development in Toronto.

The Department expropriated the property for \$9.4 million and conveyed it to the Harbourfront Corporation for \$1. Rampart Enterprises undertook to develop condominiums which sit on top of a refurbished warehouse which the Crown will now be obliged to maintain in perpetuity, along with associated lands.