

classes of Conservatives, those who are elected to Parliament and those who are good friends of the Prime Minister?

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**Hon. Don Mazankowski (Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Privy Council):** Mr. Speaker, that question has been raised in the House on several occasions and it has been answered on several occasions, and the answer is the same.

#### ROLE OF SENATOR BAZIN

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the Prime Minister. With great respect, that question has not been answered and is on the minds of many Canadians. Just how far is Mr. Bazin's immunity going to extend? The Government has refused to delay Mr. Bazin being sworn into the Senate while the Oerlikon affair is being investigated, in spite of his involvement. Can we take it that the Government will also refuse to take action against Senator Bazin if the RCMP establishes that either he or Oerlikon has acted improperly? Is that the position of the Government?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member asks how far Mr. Bazin's immunity extends. I suppose it extends to the extent, along with that of other Canadians, of freedom from slurs and presumption of guilt. He has made statements. There is nothing inconsistent at all in what he has said with what is on the public record. The police have been ordered to conduct a full inquiry. Why don't the NDP, in particular the Hon. Member, give people the presumption of innocence, as all Canadians are entitled to, and let the police conduct their full inquiry? If there are any charges or any problems to be dealt with or laid, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will deal with them properly.

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#### CANADA GAMES

##### VENUE FOR 1991

**Mr. Albert Girard (Restigouche):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport and concerns the Canada Games. The Games have never been done on a rotation basis, and an example of this was when New Brunswick lost to Newfoundland on a bid. Just recently the Canada Games President, Mr. Jack Pelech, stated that it has become a practice for interested communities to have their bids in before the preceding Winter Games. Indeed, the selection has traditionally been announced at the closing ceremonies of the preceding Games. Now Mr. Pelech has announced that there will be a two-month extension so that the community in Prince Edward Island will be able to enter a bid. I should like to know why the Minister is going out of his way to afford special treatment to P.E.I.?

#### Oral Questions

**Hon. Otto Jelinek (Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport)):** Mr. Speaker, I assume the Hon. Member is referring to the 1991 Games, since the 1989 Games have already been awarded to Saskatoon.

**Mr. Hnatyshyn:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Jelinek:** The Minister of Justice is happy with that.

If that is so, let me assure the Hon. Member that there have not been and will not be any extensions given. All communities in Canada will have and continue to have equal opportunity to bid for the Games. In any event, a decision on the 1991 Games will be made in the very near future. In the meantime I invite all Hon. Members to come to Cape Breton in the middle of this month and share in the success of the Canada Games in that community.

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#### FISHERIES

##### FISHING RIGHTS ON GRAND BANKS

**Mr. George Baker (Gander—Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, this morning the following fishing fleets were fishing just outside the 200-mile zone on the nose of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland—Mexico, Chile, Portugal, and Spain. France and the United States can come and go as they want. Only one country is not allowed to fish in that zone, on the nose of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, and that is Canada. Why did the Government bring in such a restriction this year against Canadian fishermen? Was it to impress the international countries of the world? Canadian fishermen are second-class citizens in this country.

**Hon. Thomas Siddon (Minister of Fisheries and Oceans):** Mr. Speaker, you know that Hon. Members in the House get tired of calling the kettle black. However, in this case it was the Government of which the Hon. Member was a part that agreed to extend Canada's economic jurisdiction only to 200 miles and not to encompass the nose and tail of the Grand Banks, a matter which we are trying to rectify.

**Mr. Baker:** Mr. Speaker, I am not going to get a sensible answer, so I will move from the fresh—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member is moving to his question, and I know Hon. Members will want to hear it.

##### CANADA-FRANCE FISHING ARRANGEMENTS

**Mr. George Baker (Gander—Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, moving from the fresh fish of the Grand Banks of Newfoundland to the Prime Minister fresh out of Africa, does the Prime Minister recall writing a letter to the Minister of Fisheries dated August 29, 11 a.m., 1986? In part it reads: