

that with his "For Ministers' Eyes Only" memorandum of March 31, 1982, which dealt with the legislation as it deals with conglomerates, and said, "even this review process may be struck down by courts". On what legal opinion was this statement made, if he says that he has a legal opinion saying that everything he is doing is perfectly legal?

**Hon. Jim Fleming (Minister of State (Multiculturalism)):** Madam Speaker, I do not have before me nor did I have any notice of the particular document, if it is a Government document. All I know is that a Royal Commission found that there was a great danger to freedom of the press if there was increased concentration of ownership in the daily newspaper business, that every major and minor daily newspaper owner in the country agrees there does come a point when there can be too much concentration, and that the Government has produced a number of proposals and is now putting them in legislative form according to what we believe is correct within the law.

As far as *The Gazette* of Montreal is concerned, I am simply saying that I have not told *The Gazette* or anybody else that I would table legislation by the end of the month. I said that I hoped to have a draft ready.

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#### ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL BOARD

##### REAPPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources who has responsibility for appointments to the Atomic Energy Control Board. The Minister knows that Roy Olsen, a member since 1975, was reappointed as of February 19, 1983. The Minister should also know that Mr. Olsen is President of Phillip Cables Limited, which held contracts during the past three years for the Pickering and Darlington nuclear generating stations in the amount of nearly \$1.5 million. Does the Minister not consider that Mr. Olsen has a conflict of interest in administering the Control Board that awards licences to Ontario Hydro for these projects from which he profits as a supplier?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member makes a kind of affirmation about conflict of interest on which I will certainly check and report to the House. I do not know the particulars.

##### INQUIRY RESPECTING DIRECTOR

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Madam Speaker, since the Minister seems to be unaware of Mr. Olsen whom he appointed, will he also check the fact that Mr. Olsen is chairman of the Electrical and Electronics Manufacturers' Association and chairman of a joint industry task force which is lobbying to have the Ontario Government convert all its buildings to

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electrical heating and otherwise puff up the use of electrical power by another 4,000 megawatts more than Darlington will supply?

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I would like to know whether the Minister insists that Mr. Olsen, who has been called Canada's top nuclear reactor salesman, is a person without conflict of interest, fit to administer the pursuit of private profit that endangers Canadian lives and health and the Canadian environment. Does he regard him as a fit and unbiased person?

**Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Madam Speaker, the first question and the second question are of the same nature. I will check into the matter.

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#### CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

##### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT FOR STUDENTS

**Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte):** Madam Speaker, I would like to address a question to the Minister of National Revenue, of which I have given him notice. Have any students been hired in the customs service at the border points in Carleton-Charlotte for summer employment?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Yes, Madam Speaker, students have been hired for the summer in this area. If I remember correctly, 16 students were hired for the summer.

[English]

##### STUDENTS' PROXIMITY TO WORK

**Mr. Fred McCain (Carleton-Charlotte):** Madam Speaker, in order to extend to students the maximum benefit of their earnings, it has been customary for the Government to hire them within their residential range of the positions which may be vacant. How many of those students who have been hired are residing 15 miles beyond their point of work, which is about the limit of a student's capability to commute?

[Translation]

**Hon. Pierre Bussières (Minister of National Revenue):** Madam Speaker, 10 of the 16 students who were hired live within a radius of 15 miles from their place of work.

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[English]

#### PARLIAMENT

##### ELECTORAL REFORM—GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Government House Leader. He will recall that earlier this