

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 23, 1984

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

POLITICAL PARTIES

LIBERAL PARTY LEADERSHIP CAMPAIGN—CANDIDACY OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

Mr. Gordon Towers (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Whelan) is on the record as stating he would cap interest rates at 12 per cent. I presume this means if he is elected Liberal leader and, automatically, Prime Minister, his statement can be interpreted to mean that John Turner will not under any circumstances be his Minister of Finance.

Mr. Turner, during his tenure as Finance Minister, invented deficit spending and since he has become a leadership candidate has done everything in his power to elevate the word "contradiction" to the status of campaign policy. If Mr. Turner could roll back interest rates as well as he rolls back his many slips of the tongue, the country would be well served. In the meantime I have a slogan I want to suggest to the Minister of Agriculture: "When you are Number 7, you have to try harder".

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[Translation]

HOUSING

ORIGIN OF CERTAIN PROGRAMS—REQUEST THAT QUEBEC GOVERNMENT PROVIDE TRUE INFORMATION TO CITIZENS

Mr. Gaston Gourde (Parliamentary Secretary to Solicitor General of Canada): Mr. Speaker, the people of the province of Quebec regularly ask us about the connection between the federal Government's RRAP Program and LOGINOVE, administered by the province of Quebec.

In the minds of many Quebecers and among municipal authorities there is some confusion about the two programs. This is not surprising, since in its advertising, the Société d'habitation du Québec, which administers LOGINOVE, gives the impression that the two programs are related. I have here an example taken from a brochure about the LOGINOVE program. It says: "LOGINOVE is restricted to the territory of

specific urban centres, considering the restrictions set by the CMHC on its own urban RRAP program".

Mr. Speaker, the LOGINOVE and RRAP programs are entirely independent of one another. No federal-provincial agreement has been signed for these grants. The Government of Quebec cannot relate its decision to offer LOGINOVE to the federal Government's decision to designate certain areas for the urban RRAP program. I would therefore ask the conveyors of rhetoric in the Quebec Government to be honest and inform their fellow Quebecers properly.

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[English]

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT CENTENNIAL AWARD

TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN RECIPIENT

Hon. John A. Fraser (Vancouver South): Mr. Speaker, may I bring to the attention of this House that Mrs. Mildred Bronfman Lande, a member of the Order of Canada and a distinguished Canadian, will today, in Montreal, be the first Canadian recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Centennial Award from the State of Israel Bonds of Canada for her exemplary work for, and lifelong dedication to, humanitarian, cultural, and philanthropic causes.

I am sure that all Members of this House will join with me in extending our best wishes to Mrs. Lande and to the Canadian Jewish community on the occasion of this prestigious award.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

OLYMPIC GAMES

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT INTERVENE TO RESTORE OLYMPIC IDEALS

Mr. André Maltais (Manicouagan): Mr. Speaker, every day the list of countries that will not be participating in the Olympic Games in Los Angeles is getting longer, and coming from a riding where many young people are involved in sports, I would like to ask the Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) (Mr. Olivier) and the federal Government to make urgent representations to the effect that in future, the Olympic Games should have a permanent location. Perhaps we could go back to the first Olympic Games and designate Athens. We must get politics out of the Olympics, so that young people