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### **Cover-up Continues in Leaky Condo Fiasco** **Liberals Refuse to Allow Tabling of Documents**

**OTTAWA**—Today both the Minister of Natural Resources and Minister of Housing continued the leaky condo cover-up refusing to answer a question in the Commons from John Cummins, M.P. (Delta-Richmond East) into the demand from the Department of Natural Resources (formerly Energy, Mines & Resources) to CMHC to coverup the leaky condo disaster.

Cummins then sought to table in the Commons the letters of warning from the President of CMHC to the Deputy Minister of Energy informing him that his department's energy conservation measures were a major source of the problem. The letters reference the request to cover-up the problem. Liberal members of Parliament denied the unanimous consent necessary for the tabling of the letters.

**Cummins:** Mr. Speaker, the leaky condo disaster is costing homeowners billions of dollars. The government has known for years that the national energy program caused the disaster and that the department of energy ordered a cover-up.

In 1981, CMHC told the deputy minister of energy that his department's energy conservation measures were the main cause of rotting walls in newly constructed homes. The deputy minister's response was to demand a cover-up.

Would the Minister of Natural Resources acknowledge that his department's demand for a cover-up is costing homeowners billions of dollars?

**Hon. Joe Fontana (Minister of Labour and Housing):** Mr. Speaker, I believe you delivered a response we provided to Question No. 151 as appropriate, and you did that yesterday, so I am sure that the hon. member in this House would not want me to comment on something which is before the British Columbia courts on this matter.

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**Speaker:** That is the end of question period and we will now go to the tabling of documents.

**Cummins:** Mr. Speaker, given the minister's reluctance to respond to my question earlier, I would be pleased to table the access documents which support the preamble of my question in the hope that it would perhaps jog his memory.

**Speaker:** Does the hon. member for Delta—Richmond East have the unanimous consent of the House to table these documents?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

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Audio Link (unofficial transcript follows):  
<http://media.conservative.ca/audio/20051116-Cummins.mp3>

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