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## News Release

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### **Doumet Family's Fortune Minerals Wrong Choice for Ridley Terminals**

**OTTAWA**—John Cummins, M.P. (Delta-Richmond East) today asked the following question to the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Jean Lapierre, regarding the Minister's declared intention to sell Ridley Terminals to Fortune Minerals:

**Mr. John Cummins (Delta—Richmond East, CPC):** Mr. Speaker, there is no obligation on the government to proceed with the Fortune Minerals deal, so why the hurry to sell Ridley for a pittance?

When these friends of the Liberal Party declared bankruptcy in 1983, it was reported as one of the largest insolvencies in Canadian history.

In 1991, a judge found a reasonable inference of fraud or negligence with regard to the sale of shares of Doumet family companies.

Why is the government prepared to sell off the future of northeast coal to its ethically challenged friends?

**Hon. Jean Lapierre (Minister of Transport, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I think those guys should get their act together. One said that I am going too fast and the other one is saying I am going too slow. Frankly we are going to be looking at all options, but the government is committed to making sure the Ridley Terminals serves British Columbia and Canada well.

#### **Audio**

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