

FOLLOWING UP: NRC Late Show Request #01 - CanSinoBIO

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Further to my earlier message, please now find attached final English and French versions of the Late Show debate speeches.

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Hello / Bonjour,

Subject / Sujet: Late Show Speech and rebuttal – CanSinoBIO.

BF / Date de rappel:

IS – English version due to SCMS with a copy to Parl. Affairs by September 30 (CoB) .

SCMS - Please provide the approved English version to IS for translation by October 1st (CoB).

IS - Please provide the English and French to Parl. Affairs by October 2nd (CoB).

MINO has requested a speech for an upcoming Late Show debate (Adjournment Proceedings) that may be used by the Parliamentary Secretary. This Late Show debate is regarding **Foreign Affairs (CanSinoBIO)**.

The speeches are as follows: Please note that the speech and rebuttal should be in the same document per the template attached.

- 4 minute speech of key messages
- 1 minute rebuttal

Adjournment Proceedings Background Information:

Adjournment Proceedings are a 30-minute period set aside for Members to seek further information from the government on questions raised during Question Period. “At the outset of each 10-minute period, the Member raising the matter and the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary replying may each speak for not more than four minutes. Each may then make a subsequent one-minute intervention.”

Below is the exchange in the HoC in question:

Mr. Pierre Paul-Hus (Charlesbourg—Haute-Saint-Charles, CPC): Mr. Speaker, I am not satisfied with that reply. Canada signed an agreement with a Chinese state-owned company, CanSinoBIO. The Chinese decided to quash the deal. That cost money. To make matters worse, Canadian biological patents were transferred to China. The government still does not understand that the Chinese are detaining our two Michaels, that they veto trade deals whenever they see fit, and, what is more, that they do not give a flying fig about human rights. Now we would like to know what the Prime Minister thinks about this business. How can Canada hand over its own intellectual property to the Chinese, knowing that they have no respect for anything?

Mr. Robert Oliphant (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I welcome that question because, as everyone in the House knows, Canada has a complex and multi-dimensional relationship with China. Canada engages with China with our eyes wide open. Many of our international partners are facing similar challenges. We actively engage with them constantly to ensure that Canadian interests are upheld, human rights are spoken about and intellectual property is protected. Our government has been clear about our principles, our commitment to the rule of law, our deep concern for our citizens, including Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor who have been arbitrarily detained, and our farmers and producers in Canada who seek markets. Canada will remain firm and resolute.

NOTE: Speech must be reviewed and approved by SCMS.

Please note that timelines may be revised should the speech be needed sooner.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.