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Speaker: The Honourable Peter Milliken

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Medical Isotopes

Hon. Geoff Regan (Halifax West, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, the Americans are investing in the production of medical isotopes and the Dutch are investing in isotopes. Both are building up their economies and investing in this sector because the Prime Minister decided Canada will no longer be a world leader in the field. He threw it away.

How is it that the rest of the world sees the value in nuclear medicine but the Conservatives are blinded by their ideology?

Hon. Lisa Raitt (Minister of Natural Resources, CPC):

Mr. Speaker, I have spoken with the U.S. secretary of energy about plans regarding medical isotopes. On Friday, I spoke to the minister in the Netherlands with respect to that country's plans regarding medical isotopes as well. We are on the issue. We are ensuring that Canada is playing a lead on this around the globe.

Domestically, first, we are ensuring that there is a safe return of the NRU to service to produce medical isotopes, and second, we are ensuring that the expert review panel has all the options in front of it to give advice to us.