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THE HONOURABLE JOE VOLPE, P.C., M.P.
QUESTION PERIOD: TOYOTA RECALL
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Mr. Speaker, on April 5, relying upon European and Canadian data, the American department of transportation imposed a historic \$16.4 million fine on Toyota for having deprived its customers of timely safety-related information about its vehicles, and more charges are to follow. This week Toyota admitted guilt and paid the fine. In Canada there were no charges, no fines, no admissions.

When will the Minister of Transport do his job and protect Canadian motorists by holding Toyota Canada to account?

Supplementary Question

Mr. Speaker, I find the minister's indifference to Canadian drivers and their families astounding and dangerous.

In November he applauded Toyota's actions to protect consumers even as it was being investigated. On February 24, the minister claimed that Toyota had been a good corporate citizen. However, on March 17, he indicated he was considering criminal charges. What happened? Yesterday he retracted, saying that ministers do not order criminal charges to be laid.

If he cannot order them to be laid, will he ask the RCMP to investigate the breaches of the law by Toyota Canada?