

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, February 11, 1987

The House met at 2 p.m.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[Translation]

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

#### QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EARLY RETIREES

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, while the scandals of Quebec Conservative Members are front-page news throughout the country, while these people get together only to try to define a strategy to improve their image instead of putting an end to these scandals, other Members in the Opposition deal with the day-to-day affairs which are of concern to all Canadians, and I am referring specifically to the 35,000 early retirees in this country. This is just another scandal which has prompted the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) to raise the possibility of a repayment.

Mr. Speaker, the very questionnaire which the Minister is about to send to the 35,000 early retirees is a scandal. Four of the questions indicate quite clearly that the Minister has serious doubts about the word of older workers. I hope the Conservatives Members will stop listening to morale booster Jean-Marc Chaput and defend the interests of their constituents as we Liberals are doing, just so they might stand a better chance in the next election.

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● (1405)

[English]

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### ANNUAL MEMBERS-PAGES HOCKEY GAME—"GOOD TIME HAD BY ALL"

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, last night the MPs won the annual MP-Page hockey game by a score of 3-0. The MPs had kept the Pages running errands all afternoon and they were tired out. However, the score did not really matter. From the harmonious singing of "O Canada" by the Pages to the finale when 10 Pages overwhelmed our goalie, the one and only "Moe" from Nipissing, sportsmanship and *esprit de corps* predominated throughout the evening.

The classic game was an excellent example of co-operative federalism at its best. Ministers, ex-Ministers, back-benchers

from the three Parties, and Pages from all parts of Canada, skated, stick-handled and body-checked with expertise, but with no malice or ill will. The culmination was a chili con carne feast provided by Ms. Leger. The oratory of Pages Stephanie Windsor and Marc Gervais filled the Press Club with laughter and wit. Every MP went home feeling a new appreciation for the youth of Canada. With young people like our 1987 Pages, Canada is bound to have a great future.

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## NATIONAL PARKS

### PROPOSED SOUTH MORESBY NATIONAL PARK

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, the federal Government and the Province of B.C. are locked in a struggle over the boundaries for a national land and marine park in the South Moresby area of the Queen Charlotte Islands. The original owners and occupants of the area, the Haida people, last week adopted a constitution and sovereignty on the Queen Charlottes known to them as Haida Gwaii. They have tried in every way to accommodate the setting aside of South Moresby as a national park. At issue is continued logging on Lyell Island, in particular in the Windy Bay watershed.

In three consecutive federal elections all three federal Parties have endorsed the designation of South Moresby as a national park. The spokespersons on environment for all three federal Parties in this House endorse the inclusion of Lyell Island in the park proposal. Now is the time for Canada's Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to speak out and put forward the few dollars necessary to secure this area for all future generations to share. The will of the Haida people, the will of this House, and the aspirations of the future must be met.

I know you, Mr. Speaker, endorse South Moresby with the inclusion of Lyell Island. I hope the Prime Minister is listening and supports his own Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) in this sacred undertaking.

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## HEALTH

### AIDS DISEASE—PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGES—SUPPORT FOR CBC APPROACH

**Mr. Jim Jepson (London East):** Mr. Speaker, an article appeared in *The Ottawa Citizen* last week stating that the