

S. O. 31

[Translation]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the house took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

MACEDONIA

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, Canada should not recognize the republic of Macedonia unless it meets two very specific criteria.

This former component of Yugoslavia must renounce any direct claims it has to Greek territory or those implied by its misleading name.

This republic must drop the name Macedonia. To continue to promote this form of historical revisionism is to perpetrate cultural and historical fraud.

Macedonia is an intrinsic part of Greek culture and history that is of fundamental importance to thousands of my constituents.

Mr. Speaker, there is no connection between Josip Tito and Alexander the Great.

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CROSS-BORDER SHOPPING

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal): Mr. Speaker, abuse of cross-border shopping is draining the Canadian economy of an estimated \$2 billion to \$3 billion a year. Losses to New Brunswick are as high as \$200 million.

The abusers of an already generous duty allowance are costing their fellow Canadians their jobs by the thousands. The additional financial burden put on the majority who do not abuse the system is unfair.

The abusers feel no compunction about letting other Canadians pay for their use of our medicare, old age security and all the other Canadian social safety nets.

They do not shop across the border when it comes time to go to the hospital, when they collect their unemployment insurance, when they might have to avail themselves of workmen's compensation.

Perhaps it is time that we devised a way of making these abusers of cross-border shopping even the playing field with the majority the next time they pay a visit to the doctor.

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, congratulations to Kerrin Lee-Gartner on her outstanding achievement in her gold medal win at the Olympic Games. We are also very proud of her technical coach of four years, Craig Spiess of Thunder Bay.

Other Olympic participants from Thunder Bay are David Walker in freestyle, Kevin Dahl in hockey, and Peter Robertson-Stovel in bobsledding.

While praising our Olympic champions we should not lose sight of the many thousands of Canadians who dedicate their lives to help develop our Olympic athletes. People like Craig's parents, Marilyn and Larry Spiess who operate and own Mount Baldy ski area in Thunder Bay. Their dedication and devotion to skiing, and the dedication and devotion of so many thousands of Canadians like Marilyn and Larry, is the glue that makes Olympic hopefuls into Olympic champions.

So today we salute the many thousands of Canadians like Marilyn and Larry who independently, without government assistance, bring our Canadian athletes to the threshold of greatness. This House salutes them all.

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SPORTS FISHING

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): The federal government has demonstrated its inability to handle the east coast fishing industry and possibly will repeat this mismanagement in the Great Lakes.

The stocks of whitefish, trout and salmon are threatened by a predator, the lamprey eel, which unless controlled could destroy a thriving sports fishing industry.