

## FORESTRY

[English]

COMPARISON OF PRACTICES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND  
FINLAND

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, during National Forest Week, it is useful to compare the reforestation practices of British Columbia and Finland since they both harvest similar areas and on similar terrain. The Finns rely far less on the natural regeneration of forest lands and plant 250 per cent more seedlings than British Columbia and practise intensive silvaculture techniques over 30 times the area covered in British Columbia in spite of harvesting 80 per cent of the British Columbia area. Finland fertilizes 100,000 hectares while British Columbia fertilizes 6,000 hectares. Finland thins and rehabilitates 300,000 hectares while British Columbia thins 20,000. Finland drains low lying forest lands while British Columbia does none. Finland seeds 25,000 hectares; British Columbia seeds none. In 1984, Finland treated 800,000 hectares while British Columbia treated less than 200,000 hectares.

While these poor reforestation practices certainly jeopardize the industry's long term future, even in the short run they may be problematic if the United States forest industry considers these poor practices to be an indirect subsidy to our forest producers.

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[Translation]

## EXTERNAL TRADE

## FREE TRADE—EMPLOYMENT

**Mr. Michel Champagne (Champlain):** Mr. Speaker, our opposition colleagues are wont to stir up a storm in a teacup, or to make a mountain of a molehill.

For several weeks now they have been resorting to every imaginable tactic to spread fear and panic among the people, uttering nonsense to the effect that expanded trade with our southern neighbours will lead to fewer jobs for Canadian men and women.

Since when do increased production and export trade spell more unemployment? On the contrary, Mr. Speaker, all Canadian workers know full well that companies will hire more workers if production is on the rise, and of course that creates jobs.

Therefore I urge my opposition colleagues to be more discriminate in their statements and base their arguments on intellectually sounder premises.

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## PROSTITUTION

BRITISH COLUMBIA SUPREME COURT DECISION UPHOLDING  
LEGISLATION

**Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre):** Mr. Speaker, the recent British Columbia Supreme Court ruling upholding the federal prostitution law is a victory for Parliament, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and law-abiding citizens everywhere.

In his decision, Justice McKay correctly wrote that it is Parliament that must give life to the Charter and not the courts. It is here in this chamber where laws protecting society are made and it is here where Charter implications must be decided. The very foundation of our system of democracy rests on the principle that elected representatives must have the right to make and enforce legislation. We simply cannot exist in a system where laws, duly passed by Parliament, are ruled out in the courts.

Bill C-49 was passed by Parliament. It is effective; it is working; and it is supported by Canadians. That is the only assurance that I need.

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[Translation]

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

## ALLEGED DECLARATION OF MINISTER

**Mr. Carlo Rossi (Bourassa):** Mr. Speaker, once again, the Hon. Member for Saint-Jean, the Minister of State (Small Businesses) (Mr. Bissonnette), demonstrated his incompetence this afternoon on the radio during the program *La Filière*, a program aimed at Quebec listeners, when he misled Canadians and Quebecers and said, in referring to last night's incident, that the Hon. Member for York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata) and the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps) had no business being at the Committee on Regional Industrial Expansion. Mr. Speaker, on the same program I informed listeners, after that stupid statement, that it was the right and the duty of every Member to be present and to stand up for his rights in committee.

Finally, the Minister stated that people were very satisfied, and once again, I say he is blind, and I suggest he consult this morning's papers to see what the polls have to say.