

The Government has proposed to create 400,000 spaces in Canadian centres, but some 2.5 million children do need day care. That is the first failure of the Government.

[English]

Operating grants to child care centres work out to \$1.85 a day for each child at the end of seven years. This will ensure that high standards are starved out and caregiver wages will remain exploitively low. This pitiful amount will be further diluted into profits for commercial day care chains. Strike two on quality.

Finally, diverting funds to regressive tax deductions will deny many lower-income families any government aid on fees. Those primarily discriminated against will be single-parent working mothers such as waitresses, office workers, and store clerks. Strike three on affordability.

After spending millions of dollars studying this issue, after keeping Canadians waiting three years, after solemn promises by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), Canadian families and children deserve a national child care policy. How tragic that they have been presented with this scattered, piecemeal bust.

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[Translation]

#### DISARMAMENT

##### PEACE—POSITION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

**Mrs. Gabrielle Bertrand (Brome—Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, today Washington is the scene of the opening of a historic disarmament summit between the heads of the two major powers, the United States and the Soviet Union. I take this opportunity to say to my colleagues and remind them that young Canadians are very much aware of the problems created by wars and violence in the world.

Last October 30, International Peace Day, I was the guest of two schools in my riding—Knowlton's Saint-Édouard and Farnham's Polyvalente Jean-Jacques-Bertrand—where I listened to these young people and answered their questions.

They talked to me about disarmament, nuclear weapons, and anything to do with violence, including toys found on store shelves and TV programs.

Mr. Speaker, in this world faced with wars, famine and violence, it is important to highlight the initiative of these young students who have sought to make their elders and elected Members more aware of the great theme of peace. My response to their concerns was to try to convince them that there is peace only where freedom prevails, and that in that respect our country, Canada, stands as an example to the rest of the world.

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[English]

#### TRADE

##### CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF FARM GROUPS

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, there is a rising tide of opposition among farm groups throughout Canada to the Government's trade deal with the United States. Fruit and vegetable producers and grape growers in British Columbia are opposed to it, the majority of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool delegates opposed it, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture is opposed to it, many Maritime farm producers oppose it, and the UPA in Quebec is opposed to this deal. It went further and accused the junior Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Blais) of lying to them about the trade deal.

The Quebec Government has demanded that the Government of Canada enshrine Article XI of the GATT in the trade agreement which provides for farm commodities to be put on the import control list that are under supply management and marketing boards.

The dairy farmers of Canada are demanding that dairy products like ice cream and yoghurt be placed on this control list before the agreement is signed on January 2, 1988. I call upon the Government to take at least these two actions before the trade deal is signed.

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#### TRADE

##### CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—REMOVAL OF TARIFFS

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, the free trade agreement with the United States is a trading arrangement through which tariffs at the border will gradually be removed. This means that extra money that Canadians now pay for food, goods, and machines which come from the United States will no longer have to be paid. Canadians will benefit and save many dollars each month.

The NDP and the Liberals know this, but instead of telling it as it is they are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of the people who will benefit, by alleging that Canada will lose its sovereignty. Stop and think. How can a trading arrangement result in lost sovereignty? If you buy a sack of potatoes from your neighbour, does he then run your household? Of course not, and the Americans will have no part in running Canada after the trading arrangement is completed.

But, the NDP and the Liberals keep alleging that Canada will lose its sovereignty. "We are selling Canada" the NDP allege; "We will lose jobs" the Liberals allege. Well, I deny the allegations and I defy the "alligators".