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A federal inquiry could answer these questions. That is why the Prime Minister should call one without delay. Or, as the Prime Minister unwittingly indicated in responding to the member from Halifax West last week, does he have something to hide in this matter?

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OLYMPIC GAMES

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the Quebec City Organizing Committee realized a major coup this weekend by putting Quebec City on the list of finalists for the Winter Olympics of the year 2002. The final choice will be made on June 16, 1995, in Budapest. This is a first victory for the volunteers who worked hard for beautiful Quebec City, known world-wide for its hospitality.

Mr. Speaker, there is still much to be done, but I want to assure you that the people of Abitibi are proud to be part of a project which is so wonderful for the population of Quebec and that of Canada.

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[English]

STEEL INDUSTRY

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, like other sectors of the Canadian economy ravaged by this recession, the steel industry is no exception.

Combined with the thousands of lay-offs and trade disputes with the U.S., inaction by the Conservative government threatens future destruction within the Canadian steel industry.

Stelco chairman Fred Telmer says that problems in the steel industry are symptomatic of larger concerns. He notes there is a list of trade disputes with the United States "as long as your arm, covering a whole raft of products including automobiles, wine, beer, softwood lumber and furniture" because the Canadian government has failed to make good on commitments to solving trade disputes.

Even the member from Burlington who is chairman of the non-partisan all-party steel caucus has failed to seize the opportunity to take the steel caucus to Washington

on behalf of Canadian producers where a dialogue and possible solutions could be found to the trade disputes.

In the absence of government action on promised negotiations Canadian steel producers have submitted a proposal for a steel accord between Canada and the U.S.

In the words of Stelco chairman Telmer: "It would be a tragedy of monumental proportions if the government sacrificed such a proposal on the altar of a lack of political will".

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PREMIER RALPH KLEIN

Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, on Saturday night the Alberta Conservatives paid tribute to retiring Premier Don Getty and elected Ralph Klein as the new party leader.

In the most open and democratic process ever used in Alberta all members of the party were allowed to vote at polling stations across the province. Over 72,000 Albertans took advantage of the opportunity and the people confirmed the caucus choice for leader.

As mayor of Calgary, Mr. Klein had welcomed the world to the most successful Winter Olympics ever. His success this week at gaining supporters from all corners of Alberta proved that his popularity with the people continues. If he can build on successes like that Alberta is going to be in good hands.

I join all Albertans in extending congratulations and best wishes to Ralph and his wife Colleen as he prepares to assume duties as the 12th premier of the province of Alberta.

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GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, last week's announcement of cuts in foreign aid and environmental spending is another in a long line of broken promises from the Tories.

They clearly do not understand global security. The Tories find money for their pet projects like the \$4.4 billion on military helicopters and they cut foreign aid spending. Population, poverty and debt are very real threats to our common security. Poverty is not sustainable.