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[Translation]

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## OPPORTUNITY TO APPOINT CHARGÉ D'AFFAIRES TO NICARAGUA

**Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands):** Mr. Speaker, according to the first report of the Special Committee on the Central American Peace Process, in line with the spirit of the Esquipulas II Accord and to encourage negotiations, the United States should end its economic embargo against Nicaragua and stop objecting to the granting of loans to Nicaragua by international financial institutions. Furthermore, the U.S. should be urged to maintain its decision to stop supplying military aid to the Contras.

The Committee recommended as a minimum solution to inadequate Canadian representation the appointment of a *chargé d'affaires* in Nicaragua, because relations between Nicaragua and the United States have worsened and Canada's role has become very important.

I urge the Government to act quickly on the Committee's recommendations on the peace process.

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[English]

## TOURISM

## IMPORTANCE OF SERVICE SECTOR TRAINING

**Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot):** Mr. Speaker, no nation has more splendour than Canada. The beauty of this magnificent land abounds in every region.

Moreover, each region presents a uniqueness of landscape and culture that causes our nation to be the most intriguing land on earth.

We have been blessed with rich natural resources and scenic countryside that are the awe-inspiring wonder and grandeur of the world. Our cities are modern, alive, and exciting. One-fifth of the world's freshwater is contained in our innumerable lakes and rivers.

Our country has what the world community wants to visit. Citizens of many nations yearn to explore our land of peace and beauty.

Yet, unfortunately, our capacity to serve tourists at a professional level of excellence is, at best, quite inconsistent. Therefore, I call on all levels of government to enhance and enrich their involvement in service sector training so that we might attain the volume and quality of tourists that this land so richly deserves. Our objective ought to be to make Canada the most desired nation on earth to tour and visit.

[Translation]

## REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR GLENGARRY—PRESCOTT—RUSSELL CONSTITUENCY

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, on June 30, the federal Government's Industrial Regional Development Program, better known as IRDP, ended. This good program was established, naturally, by the Liberal Government in the early 1980s.

Mr. Speaker, there is therefore no remaining federal program to encourage industry to set up in the rural regions of eastern and northern Ontario.

Although it is true that Ontario is doing well, the situation in my riding of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell is not so rosy. The Prescott area, for example, is still suffering from an unacceptable unemployment rate of over 12 per cent.

I know that the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion is now negotiating with his provincial counterpart from Ontario to draw up a master agreement for the regional development of Ontario.

Personally, I have already spoken to the Minister and I encourage him to set up such a program to develop the eastern part of the province. Glengarry—Prescott—Russell needs federal Government assistance and I urge the Conservative Government to restore a good program such as the Liberal Government set up in the past.

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[English]

## SENIOR CITIZENS

## INCIDENTS OF ABUSE

**Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, Canada's senior citizens are one of our most valuable resources and, unfortunately, one of our most vulnerable. Having made an invaluable contribution to our country, many seniors are now threatened by growing incidents of elder abuse.

There have been cases reported where senior citizens have been mistreated by landlords, made prisoners in their own home or forced to turn over their small pensions to abusive relatives.

Last month in Toronto representatives of the Government and community groups met to formulate a strategic plan to deal with the problem. They proposed changes to the Criminal Code, expanded education of the public, and increased research and data collection on abuse cases.

I urge the Minister of State for Seniors (Mr. Hees) and the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp) to commit all of the resources required and to seek the co-