

States Agreement that we will be negotiating in the next few months calls for intergovernmental co-operation on an unprecedented scale, involving as it does the Governments of Canada, Ontario and Quebec on our side of the border, of the United States and 5 Great Lakes states on the other.

I must say, Mr. Speaker, that I was impressed in Washington by the way all interested parties accepted their responsibilities for the reversal of the degradation of the Great Lakes, by the shared determination to get on with the job and particularly by the sense of urgency expressed by speaker after speaker.

We are already at work on the problem, on both sides of the border. The Agreement, when it comes into effect, will establish specific goals, speed up the work and provide powers to the I.J.C. to carry out the necessary surveillance to ensure that quality standards are met and maintained.

While in Washington, as I indicated to the House earlier, my colleague the Minister of the Environment and I had a meeting with Secretary Rogers on the proposed movement of oil from Prudhoe Bay to Seattle through the Straits of Juan de Fuca and the Straits of Georgia. I made