

I am more than happy to agree.

Madam Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock p.m. I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon, pursuant to Standing Order 24(2).

The House took recess at 12.53 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

LLOYD EISLER AND ISABELLE BRASSEUR

Mr. Murray Cardiff (Huron—Bruce): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Huron—Bruce and Saint-Jean and all Canadians, my colleague, the member for Saint-Jean, and I would like to convey our best wishes and congratulations to Lloyd Eisler, from Seaforth, Ontario, and Isabelle Brasseur, from St. Jean-sur-Richelieu, Quebec, on their winning performance in pairs figure skating at the World Championships in Prague.

After seven years as a team they have proven to be the best in the world at their sport. Their sense of accomplishment is matched by the pride Canadians feel for the world class excellence they both have achieved. They have demonstrated the spirit and determination that characterizes all Canadian athletes.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Commons to join us in congratulating these two great Canadians on winning the gold medal.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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FORESTRY

Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur): Mr. Speaker, it was more than one year ago that I rose in this House and asked the Minister of Employment and Immigration what action this government intended to take *vis-à-vis* the crisis in the forestry industry, and specifically the situation in my riding of Restigouche—Chaleur.

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[Translation]

In response to this crisis, a number of committees were formed to examine the problems facing the forestry sector. Although the committees have done valuable work, the Atholville mill is still closed and the Dalhousie mill is operating only two of its four machines. The study has now been going on for more than a year, but thousands of people are still looking for work and are fed up with the federal government's failure to act.

[English]

I call upon the government to stop running from its responsibilities. The local committees, the provincial government, the municipalities and the laid-off workers have all done their part in addressing this crisis. It is time for the federal government to live up to its responsibilities and to act on this urgent matter.

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NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK WEEK

Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre): Mr. Speaker, this March the Canadian Association of Social Workers celebrated the third annual National Social Work Week.

Social work is a proud profession with a long history of commitment to improving the well-being of people in society, particularly the disadvantaged. Today social workers are involved in direct practice, teaching, policy analysis and research as well as community organization, planning and program administration. They may work directly with individuals, groups and communities, or on their behalf through research, social policy and planning.

The 13,500 members of the Canadian Association of Social Workers should be recognized for their contribution to the betterment of society. We wish them every success in the celebration of National Social Work Week.

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REFUGEES

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, on Monday, International Women's Day, the minister granted landing to Ferdousi Bhuyian, a 28-year old battered wife from Bangladesh. She was one of 14 women for whom NAC is pleading that this government allow them to remain in Canada.