

Free trade provides an even brighter future. We must secure our export markets. The red meat, petrochemical and petroleum industries in Alberta all support free trade. The prospects for Alberta look excellent and will contribute to the well-being of this whole country.

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[Translation]

### FREE TRADE

#### POSITION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, Canadians would like to know the Liberal Party's position on the Mulroney-Reagan Trade Agreement.

On October 26 this year, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) said in the House and I quote: "We will not live with it." He also said: "We are going to tear the deal up".

After two years of hesitation, many people thought the Liberals were finally going to deal with an issue that is so fundamental to the future of our country. Unfortunately, they were wrong.

Last Monday, the Leader of the Opposition told the newspaper *La Presse* that he was in favour of the principle of free trade and would like to reopen negotiations with the Americans to improve some of the terms of the Agreement.

Does the Leader of the Opposition really believe the Americans will make concessions to Canada, once the Agreement has been signed, sealed and delivered? And does he believe that a few superficial changes can nullify an agreement that is fundamentally bad and that challenges our sovereignty?

Clearly, the Leader of the Opposition has no intention of providing any serious opposition to the Free Trade Agreement. He is clearly in favour of a bilateral trade agreement with the United States and can hardly claim otherwise.

The Leader of the Official Opposition is a continentalist who has come out of the closet. Only the Members of the NDP are truly in a position to oppose a trade agreement that is an outright betrayal of Canadian interests and Canadian autonomy.

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### CANADA PENSION PLAN

#### PROPOSED PENSIONS FOR HOMEMAKERS

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, the Government recognizes the value of work done in the home

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and the contribution which homemakers make to society. Homemakers need better protection under our pension system and the Government is committed to finding a way of providing this.

In its recent report "Building Benefits for Homemakers" the Canada Pension Plan Advisory Board re-examines its previous "deemed earnings" approach in which it now finds inconsistencies related to the "earnings-benefit" link. The Board now favours a system of annual credit splitting between spouses.

The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp) has described the report as timely and valuable, and it will certainly contribute to a better understanding of this very complex problem.

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### CHILD CARE

#### NATIONAL STRATEGY—UNDERFUNDING OF NATIVE CHILD CARE AGENCIES

**Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane—Superior):** Mr. Speaker, the federal Government's national strategy on child care, which was announced today, fails to give sufficient recognition to the priority needs of native families and children.

Across the country over the past few years First Nations have assumed the responsibility for delivering child care and child welfare services. However, their ability to provide these services comparable to non-native agencies has been hampered due to underfunding by the federal Government. The strategy announced today does not respond to the serious underfunding problems of native child care agencies.

In Manitoba, for example, negotiations on a renewed child welfare agreement have yet to take place. I remind the Government that the 1983 unanimous report of the Special Committee on Indian Self-Government identified child welfare as a critical area for Indian control.

The responsibility, ability, and jurisdiction of Indian Governments and their agencies to provide quality child care and child welfare services on a par with other Governments must be recognized and adequately assisted by the federal Government.

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### NATIONAL FILM BOARD

#### BILLY BISHOP, V.C.—PETITION SEEKING WITHDRAWAL OF DEROGATORY FILM

**Mr. Stan Graham (Kootenay East—Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, further to the ongoing saga of Billy Bishop, holder of the Victoria Cross, Distinguished Service Order, Military Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross, Croix de guerre, and a host