

world knows, that terrorism will not be tolerated. If he ceases his terrorism all will be well, if he continues to live by the sword he will surely die by the sword.

I thank God for the U.S.A. and its President, Ronald Reagan.

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ENERGY

FALLING OIL PRICES—CALL FOR WORLD-WIDE PRODUCTION CUTS

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, the Petroleum Services Association of Canada, in an employment survey accompanied by projections from engineering and oil companies, indicates that more than 20,000 Albertans will lose their jobs in the next few months as a result of the plunge in world oil prices.

While eastern consuming provinces are benefiting from lower prices and are in a position to take advantage of greater opportunities for exports to the United States, it is Alberta that will experience most of the losses in exploration, development, production, and construction in the energy field.

I believe today is the day that OPEC meets again. There must be some agreement on production cuts world-wide. This is vital to the future of the City of Calgary, the Province of Alberta, and indeed for energy security in our country.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

INSULTING WORDS TO FRANCOPHONES USED BY ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): In his fifteenth annual report tabled yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner of Official Languages gives a depressing account of the equal status of French and English as working languages in the Public Service. I quote the Commissioner:

Perhaps it is impossible to do better under the existing policy—unfortunately the Federal Establishment did not get the message: generally speaking, senior management gives a pitiful example.

To confirm the Commissioner's statements, I should like to read to the House a memo sent by a Fisheries and Oceans Deputy Minister to one of his employees whom he was asking to have someone check the French version of an invitation to the Neptune awards presentation. Here is what the Deputy Minister wrote:

Have this checked again by an half decent frog.

The memo is signed L.T.

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That, Mr. Speaker, is a pitiful denigrating example given to the employees by some senior Public Service officials. Whether he wanted to denigrate employees or their work, or whether, for example, he wanted to display his morbid sense of humour, the Assistant Deputy Minister has no choice but to apologize to all Francophones in Canada for this insult to—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please, 60 seconds. The Hon. Member for Témiscamingue (Mr. Desjardins).

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CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

CREATION OF JOBS FOR STUDENTS—ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE SECTOR IN TÉMISCAMINGUE REGION

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, this year again, Témiscamingue is going to meet the challenge, Challenge '86. Thanks to a favourable response from the private sector, nearly 500 jobs for students will be created in my riding as part of the summer employment program for students, Challenge '86.

We owe this remarkable performance mainly to active participation by the private sector, which has received 31 per cent of the program's budget and will provide 200 jobs. As a result of this very substantial involvement of the private sector, it will be possible to create as many summer jobs for students in '86 as we did in the summer of '85, despite the fact that we have a smaller budget this year.

Mr. Speaker, this is just another example of how you can do more with less money.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to the 107 businesses, industries and companies in Témiscamingue that were willing to invest in the talents and know-how of our young people.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

FUNDING OF VOLUNTARY ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, I was disturbed to learn this morning that the Government has not come through with funding that it promised to the environmental groups Pollution Probe and Friends of the Earth in order to facilitate their continued participation in the hearings being held by the alachlor review board.

I call on the Government to live up to its commitment to those groups to provide funding. They have had to cease their participation in those hearings.