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time has come when the actions of companies, the deliberate negligence of companies by which they introduce various kinds of poisons into the environment simply in the interests of their profit strategy, and the negligence of government in allowing them to do that, ought to invoke the same kind of moral outrage. I will have more to say on this matter later.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock p.m., I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

PARLIAMENT HILL**REMOVAL OF PEACE CAMP**

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, at 7.30 this morning the Government dismantled and expelled the Peace Camp from Parliament Hill and arrested two of the participants, after those young people had maintained their important vigil and message for over two years through the cold of winter and the heat of summer. This was after the Minister of Public Works (Mr. La Salle) indicated on Friday that they would have another 10 days. So much for the Government's rhetoric in favour of free speech, peace, and youth. What hypocrisy.

The Minister has said the peace campers had two years and that they have made their point. That is absolutely false. If the Government had understood their point it would have opposed the United States star wars proposal, it would have stopped more testing of Cruise missiles, and it would have taken a tougher position on disarmament. This is indeed a black day for peace, freedom, youth, and idealism in this country.

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PORTS**VANCOUVER PORT—INCREASE IN LUMBER COMPANY'S RENT**

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I want to share in the comments of the previous Hon. Member. That was a gutless act by the Government. It was cowardly. I applaud the young people who stayed there for two years.

I want to speak on another matter on which I was scheduled to speak. It is an important matter to my riding. I am told by members of the IWA, the Woodworkers' Union, and by company people, that a company called Nova Lumber, a

sawmill which leases water frontage in the Vancouver Port, has had its lease increased by an incredible 35 per cent. There have been no improvements or anything to justify this.

When Ron Huntington was a Member of this House he used to stand up and was very tough on restraint, and very positive about helping small corporations. He is now the head of Ports Canada. I say in good faith that I wish he could take another look at this deal because the lumber market is soft in British Columbia. This mill could go down. Five mills have gone down. If this increase could just be changed, or put off for a while, the mill could survive a short-term period until the market revives.

I could give details about the market, but I will just make my point generally that this is too much of an increase. I would like the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) and the Ports Authority to look into this drastic increase to see whether it can be changed.

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MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL**ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING**

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend our Government, and the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp) in particular, for the budget increase of \$30.9 million recently given to the Medical Research Council. This raises the 1985-86 MRC budget to \$158 million.

Although the previous Government approved a five-year plan in 1983 for the further development of the health research system in Canada, increased funding was granted for only the first two years. Our Cabinet found the base level provided for, in projecting the 1985-86 MRC budget, totally unacceptable. This additional funding will allow MRC to continue its vital work and pursue the implementation of the five-year plan.

Members will be aware that the Medical Research Council funds many research foundations and institutes with a significant portion of their operating support, and they will now be able to continue their established world class research programs.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY'S COMMITMENT TO WESTERN CANADA**

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a report on the continuing emancipation of western Canada after years of Liberal neglect. Last July at Prince Albert the PC caucus gathered to reaffirm its commitment to western Canada. At Prince Albert we undertook to bring western Canadians back to the Cabinet table in positions of importance and influence. The West had one