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## SPORTS

CANADIAN SOCCER TEAM'S PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CUP  
TOURNAMENT

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, I believe a special note of recognition from the House is deemed for our Canadian national soccer team. As Members know, our country has qualified to play in the prestigious World Cup for the first time in our history. However, one would not have known this from our first match yesterday against France. While we came out on the losing end in the scoring statistic, our players played with great heart, determination, and skill. They gave the French, a leading team in the tournament according to all reports, a most challenging opener.

Their efforts were truly reflective of the spirit and determination that drove this group of Canadians to achieve this very historical milestone. In short, they are deserving of our fullest support, as are the game and development of soccer in this country.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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[Translation]

## CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT WEEK

OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIANS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES  
TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF ENVIRONMENT

**Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, the June 1-June 7 week has been proclaimed Environment Week in Canada. Under the theme "It's up to all of us", all Canadians are invited to participate in activities related to the protection and improvement of our environment.

Needless to say, Mr. Speaker, environmental problems are a major concern of the residents of Témiscamingue. This week therefore is a golden opportunity for industries which pollute our air, our forests and our rivers to become fully aware of their responsibilities, and I would urge them to react by taking the steps required to put a stop to this harmful pollution.

I also urge my fellow Canadians and community organizations to continue to make representations to and put pressure on the authorities involved and, especially this week, to undertake embellishment projects in their immediate neighbourhood. And then, why not park the car and ride a bicycle or take a walk, or even quit smoking if only for one day?

This way, Mr. Speaker, we would all be doing our share to improve the quality of life for all Canadians.

## CHILD CARE

## PUBLIC FUNDING COMMITMENT SOUGHT

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, today the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, representing over 3 million women in this country, asked the Government for a commitment to direct funding for a comprehensive publicly funded child care system for Canada. They asked that the Government put child care on the agenda of the upcoming First Ministers' Conference. They asked that the Government recognize that child care has been adequately studied and that it adopt the most recent recommendations put forth by the task force on child care, chaired by Katie Cooke.

They were told that the Government will not adopt the recommendations of the Katie Cooke task force because the Government is not committed to public funding.

Without public funding, child care services will continue to be in crisis. Eighty-one per cent of the children of Canada needing child care will continue to receive unlicensed, unmonitored care. The Government is making a mockery of its equality promise to women.

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## TRADE

U.S. TARIFF ON CANADIAN CEDAR SHAKES AND SHINGLES—  
POSITION OF UNITED STATES PRESIDENT

**Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission—Port Moody):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the House on behalf of the shake and shingle workers of British Columbia. I draw special attention to the area of Mission—Port Moody. This past weekend I spoke to labour and industries on the West Coast and they clearly enunciated that they support our Government's tireless efforts to handle the cedar shake and shingle issue.

I want to say before the House that I offer my wholehearted support for President Reagan's statement to the American Manufacturers' Association last week. He told this group: "Protectionism is destructionism." It is important that the President sit back and look at the issue of the cedar shake and shingle tariff in this light.

To date, the President's statements and his actions have been highly contradictory. I only hope that President Reagan lives by his words, that "Protectionism is destructionism", as we reach a critical stage in the softwood countervail petition.