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Bravo and congratulations to them all, long live the Montreal International Marathon!

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[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DEMAND FOR ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, the Government last week announced new measures for assessment and review of environmental impact. These new measures include a greater role for the public in environmental impact assessment, and that is welcome, for certainly ordinary Canadians want to be involved and environmental groups have great experience and expertise to offer.

However, the process is confined to planning only, and not regulation. Of course planning is essential, but planning without real teeth, without the prospect of regulation, is not enough. Environmentalists want to see legislative protection for the environment, with tough penalties and independent tribunals.

Cosmetic changes are not enough, given the seriousness of environmental destruction to date. There must be real protection in the future because industry is continuing this path. Potential polluters will be much more willing to build environmental concerns into their planning if they know that they face prosecution and penalties.

Canadians want a real Environmental Protection Act with an Environmental Bill of Rights. Nothing else will do.

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EXTERNAL AID

THIRD WORLD DEVELOPMENT—PARTNERSHIP WALKS SPONSORED BY AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the pleasure along with 2,000 others of participating in the Partnership Walk for Third World Development which was held in Taylor Creek Park in my riding. This walk, as well as the similar walks held in Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary and Montreal, was sponsored by the Aga Khan Foundation of Canada to increase awareness of international development among Canadians and to raise money to assist people in developing countries. The contributions are matched by CIDA, and in the case of Alberta residents, by Alberta Aid.

Foundation was established by His Highness the Aga Khan, spiritual leader of the Ismaili Muslims. There are approximately 15,000 Canadian Ismailis in the greater Toronto area.

Since coming to Canada a few short years ago, the Ismailis have made their mark in the professions, in business, and in

community service. In my own community, Ismaili Canadians sponsor Scouts, Guides, Citizenship Courts and Blood Donor Clinics. Yesterday's Partnership Walk for Third World Development is another demonstration of the outstanding example they are setting for all Canadians to follow.

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TRADE

FREE TRADE—JOBS—WOMEN—NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO ACT

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, we learned last week that the free trade negotiations had broken off or had been interrupted. In any case, they are now in an impasse, but every cloud has a silver lining, and I would like to explain what I mean.

Many seamstresses in the hosiery and leather industries heaved a sigh of relief because free trade would mean bad news for a large number of them: job losses, relocation of families, and so on. If the negotiations resume, more serious thought should be given to jobs for women under a free trade agreement. I know that many will object that the good of the country must come before anything else. However, I am indeed thinking of the good of the country since 52 per cent of Canadians are women who want equality at home and at work. Instead of giving us only rhetoric, the Government should take more positive action in the framework of free trade, including for women.

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TRADE

FREE TRADE—POSITION OF SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, if I may, I would like to quote the words of the leader of the Socialist Party as reported on page 9346 of *Hansard* for September 25, 1987:

I rise under the provisions of Standing Order 29 to seek leave to move the adjournment of the House.

Why? To discuss free trade.

Here is a second quote from the Socialist Leader, as reported on page 9232 of *Hansard* for September 23, 1987:

Would the Prime Minister now tell the Americans that those talks are now ended, finished?

On the next page, we find the following:

We want these talks—

—on free trade—

—terminated.

Why? To stop discussing free trade, Mr. Speaker.