

carelessness of passersby. The integrity of such a rich natural environment in southern Canada should be kept intact.

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[Translation]

FORESTRY

SUBAGREEMENT WITH QUEBEC ON FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, as my colleague from Champlain (Mr. Champagne) has done, I would like today to stress before this House the importance of the recent Canada-Quebec subagreement on forestry, which was signed this week in Quebec City. Indeed, on Tuesday, April 30, 1985, I had the privilege of attending with some of my Quebec colleagues the signing of the subagreement on forest development.

Mr. Speaker, this is the fifth regional economic development agreement to be reached between this Government and the Quebec Government. This shows how much this Government has succeeded in reinstating a fruitful dialogue with Quebec, to the benefit of both levels of government.

Our Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew) has succeeded in reaching with his Quebec counterpart a historical agreement. Mr. Speaker, this new \$300 million, five-year agreement is the best ever signed by Quebec and Canada. Of that amount \$190 million will be allocated to public forest development and \$90 million to private forest development, on the whole representing the creation of 16,000 person-years of work.

To conclude, Mr. Speaker, I would like to stress the importance of this agreement for the Abitibi-Témiscamingue area. This agreement, in addition to solving in our area the problems of supply, will have important economic spin-offs, both in terms of job creation and with respect to the millions of dollars that will be invested in my area.

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TRADE

IMPORTANCE OF SASKATCHEWAN EXPORTS

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, recently the City of Saskatoon hosted one of the international trade consultations which the Minister and his Parliamentary Secretary initiated in 16 centres across Canada. This initiative reinforces the importance which international trade plays in our economy, including the more than three million Canadians who depend upon international trade for employment.

In northern and central Saskatchewan wheat is not the only major export. We export potash, uranium, canola, plant and animal biotechnology, high-tech electronics, and agricultural machinery. As everyone knows, one of the major Saskatche-

wan exports is its ingenuity which contributes to Canada's future prosperity.

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I feel the excitement of future international trade potential growing in Saskatoon. The combination of the research genius of the university, the innovation of the private sector, and the commitment of all levels of government, provide a formula for the prosperity that translates into jobs for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, and Canada.

With the assistance of my colleagues in the new Government we can develop the tremendous international trade potential that exists in Saskatchewan. The initiative exemplifies the commitment of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to get Canada going again and to get Canadians back to work. I applaud this initiative.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

UNITED STATES—IMPOSITION OF TRADE EMBARGO ON NICARAGUA

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, once again President Reagan, the President of a superpower composed of 250 million people, has launched vicious threats against Nicaragua, a small country of 2.5 million people, a country that only five years ago overthrew two generations of Samozan dictatorship and is now trying to build a democracy based on political, economic, and social justice.

The President has decided to impose a total trade embargo on Nicaragua, and to abrogate a U.S.-Nicaragua friendship treaty. The President has not taken similar steps against such "models of democracy" as South Africa, Chile, Guatemala, or even the Soviet Union, but in his opinion Nicaragua is just too evil and too dangerous. What complete hypocrisy and nonsense!

We must do everything in our power to denounce this misguided U.S. policy and to support those many Americans, including many Congressmen, who oppose it as well. I would likewise ask the Canadian Government to take a strong position against this U.S. policy, and to make its views known to the President of the United States.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

PRIME MINISTER'S ROLE

Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission-Port Moody): Mr. Speaker, people here in Canada and around the world are praising the new course of action being led by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), an outstanding world statesman.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!