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and, for two terms previously, on the staff of the Hon. Marcel Lambert. She was never unkind.

Colette Allard was on summer vacation on her way to hike the Himalayas in the company of Rachel Castonguay, a friend from the Department of Indian Affairs. I spoke with Colette on the phone on Friday and wished her a safe trip. She replied: "I embrace my fate". Colette will be greatly missed by my staff, myself, and her many other colleagues and friends on the Hill. To her family, and the families of the other victims of Flight 182, we extend our deepest sympathy.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

TRIBUTE TO PAGE STAFF

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure to rise in the House today to pay tribute to 40 great young Canadians, many of whom are sitting right beside me, who have worked as pages with all of us in the House of Commons during the first session of the Thirty-third Parliament.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Ravis: These young ladies and gentlemen have competed to come to Ottawa from all provinces and the territories, to work in the House of Commons while at the same time carrying on full-time studies at a university in Ottawa. These young people are of the highest calibre and represent some of the best junior leaders, achievers, and young academics in our country.

I want to compliment them specifically on the manner in which they cheerfully and generously served the Members in all Parties and assisted Members in making our jobs easier.

Some of the pages will travel abroad and some of them will remain in Ottawa, while others will return to their home towns to take up their studies at a university in the fall. Wherever they go, I wish them all the very best of luck on behalf of all of my colleagues in the House of Commons. I want to thank them again for their excellent service and dedication. I hope that many of them will return to work for the Government of Canada, and possibly to represent a constituency as a Member of Parliament in this great House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ON RELATIONS WITH MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, June 27, 1985, Senator George C. van Roggen, chairman of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, tabled the committee's final report on Canada's Relations with Countries

of the Middle East and North Africa. The report is the result of a detailed study during which the Senators heard from 63 witnesses. In addition, a sub-committee held high level meetings with leaders and officials in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Jordan, and Israel. Senator van Roggen said the report provides a balanced assessment of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

I deeply regret that the Canada-Israel Committee has attacked the Senate's Committee Report as "ill-considered" and "misleading". I urge all Canadians to read the report. I extend many thanks to the chairman, the Hon. Senator van Roggen, and the vice-chairman, the Hon. Senator Heath Macquarrie, for a job well done.

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IMMIGRATION

MINISTER'S RESPONSE TO COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, I commend the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration on having initiated, for the first time in years, a public discussion on immigration policy, and I also commend the Minister on the response she tabled on Thursday, which is straightforward and positive toward immigration.

However, I am seriously concerned by a characteristic of the Minister's report, namely, a strong paternalism, or maternalism. For example, first, the committee report asks for a Standing Committee on Immigration to review immigration levels within a population policy, and report to Parliament each May with projected levels. However, the Minister instead prefers a secretariat, that is, retaining initiative with the bureaucracy.

Second, the Minister proposes to handle the contentious issue of family reunification with more distant relatives "in a managed way". This strongly suggests increasing the already dangerous level of arbitrary decisions by the bureaucracy, as against the Canadian people's demand for clear guidelines uniformly administered.

Third, the Minister's report omits reference to the landing of persons who claim refugee status in Canada. This reinforces the hints that the bureaucracy wishes to close Canada's doors.

Fourth, a new category is proposed, "immigrant workers without relatives", suggesting that Canada skim skilled workers from other countries but avoid having them become rooted in Canada. Is it intended to enlarge the policy of "migrant workers" with little or no right of permanent residence?

Fifth, the Minister rejects the committee's recommendations for an annual report on how well Canada succeeds in employing immigrants without disrupting the employment of others.

The Minister's reply is a stimulating mixture of promise and danger.