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has initiated a new hotline to answer questions about the new Italian-Canadian pension agreement. Dial 1-800-263-8538. If you dare dial, the news is all bad.

First, this is likely the worst agreement that Canada has with any country.

Second, if you make less than \$24,000—a grand sum indeed—your pension will be tax exempt.

Third, if you make \$24,001 and have waited 40 years to collect a retroactive pension, Revenue Canada will collect 40 per cent of your pension after Italy has rightfully collected 10 to 15 per cent.

Fourth, despite the fact that the agreement is bad and has not been ratified it is fully operative.

Fifth, the Canadian government will collect \$200 million from the 40,000 Italian-Canadian pensioners this year, even though they have no right to any of the money.

The deserved reply: *con le parole dei amici Italiani: questo patto fra Canada e L'Italia fa scifo*. Translated, the reply means: This agreement stinks.

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DISASTERS

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, this morning I learned that on Monday next at 10 a.m. a memorial service will be held at Sandy Point, Nova Scotia for the eight men lost at sea in the *Johnny and Sisters II*.

Whenever sailors put to sea their families know they may not return. But that does not make it any easier if they do not.

The north Atlantic is awesome and forbidding on a beautiful August afternoon. In the dead of winter and in a raging storm it can only be described as terrifying.

The courage of those who defy that terror to support their families through a life at sea in a small boat hundreds of miles from home in quest of fish is a kind of courage and commitment few others can understand, let alone contemplate.

Each time a vessel and its crew is lost we stop to reflect. What is even more sobering is the knowledge that as we speak and sit here today hundreds of other Canadian fishermen have their lives on the line in the

north Atlantic. May God protect them so that the sadness now descended upon Sandy Point will not be repeated in other communities and on other families.

Monday next may all members of this place and, indeed, may all Canadians pause to remember the crew of the *Johnny and Sisters II* and the friends and families they left behind.

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[Translation]

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the Americans refuse to release Richard Bilodeau, a trucker from Coaticook, on \$50,000 bail following a road accident in which he was involved on November 29. The Americans are treating a Canadian citizen most unfairly.

The U.S. Embassy in Ottawa and the Americans persist in their unjust attitude towards this Quebec trucker. If we Canadians jailed all Americans involved in fatal accidents on our territory, they too would worry about coming here.

Mr. Speaker, as of today, the extradition treaty between the United States and Canada is no longer respected and I feel the Americans are acting in bad faith, unless their ambassador across the street has already left Canada to vacation in Florida. In any event, I call on all Canadian truckers to show solidarity with their Quebec confrère, Richard Bilodeau.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear.

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[English]

CHILE

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Mr. Speaker, today is election day in Chile. Today we look to Chile with a renewed sense of hope for a democratic future in which all citizens of that country can live in peace and justice. However, hope is not enough.

We must not forget that not long ago the duly elected government of Allende was overthrown by a cruel military junta which for years brought horror and grief to the lives of many Chileans.