

generations will not either perpetrate or suffer from the deep physical and psychological harm of family violence.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SINGAPORE—ARRESTS OF FORMER SOLICITOR GENERAL

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, I have received word from Mrs. Clare Seow-Looi of Merritt, British Columbia, that her brother, Francis Seow of Singapore, was arrested by that Government on May 6, 1988, and since that time has been held incommunicado and without trial.

Francis Seow is the former Solicitor General of Singapore and maintains a well respected position in its legal community. Mr. Seow has also spoken out in opposition to the present regime. On the day of his arrest, he had sought a writ of habeas corpus for two political prisoners who alleged torture during previous interrogations.

The circumstances surrounding Mr. Seow's baseless arrest have been receiving world-wide attention. Amnesty International considers this case so serious that it has been classified as one requiring "urgent action".

On June 6, 1988, *The Globe and Mail* stated that Mr. Seow was held by police for attempting to "lead a group of lawyers and professors into opposition politics".

I am sure all Hon. Members of the House will join with me in expressing our grave concern over the reasons for Francis Seow's arrest, and that Mr. Seow, as is his right under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, should receive due process under the law.

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CANADIAN HYDROGEN AUTHORITY

NATIONAL MANDATE REQUIRED FOR PROPOSED ORGANIZATION

Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton South): Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada faces important decisions on the establishment, organization, and location of the Canadian Hydrogen Authority. At stake is the outcome of Canada's national mission to be first into the hydrogen age and a world leader in hydrogen technologies.

If the authority is to be successful in leading the national mission it must have a national mandate and not represent regional interests or the interests of specific industry groups.

In establishing the authority it must be recognized that there will be stages in the development, for example, for

hydrogen technologies from the immediate and near term opportunities in fossil fuel upgrading and resource integration to the medium and longer-term opportunities in technologies for hydrogen fueled products and production of hydrogen from sustainable sources.

The authority should be organized and located to facilitate an initial focus on those technologies offering the greatest promise for an early return on investment.

The Canadian Hydrogen Authority should initially be located in Alberta close to major sources of funding for development of those hydrogen technologies offering the greatest promise for early return on investment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

ACID RAIN—UNITED STATES SENATOR'S PROPOSED BILL

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, if there is positive movement to control acid rain pollution this year in Washington, it is because of the work of like-minded U.S. Senators and Congressmen, not because of President Reagan's agreement to consider an acid rain agreement with Canada. The tide, we are told, may be turning.

A Bill by Democratic Senator George Mitchell of Maine proposing to reduce sulphur dioxide pollution by 12 million tonnes by the year 2000 is gaining momentum. The question is whether such a Bill can become law with less than 40 business days left in the current session of Congress. Today, 48 of the 100 Senators are prepared to support Mitchell's Bill. Right now efforts are being intensified to produce the necessary majority in the Senate.

We in the Canadian Parliament should pass a resolution wishing success to like-minded American legislators and supporting their move to stop acid rain jointly with us once and for all.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

CANADA-QUEBEC AGREEMENT

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to a historic agreement, in fact one of the most important Canada-Quebec agreements on regional economic development, signed yesterday by our Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Premier of Quebec.