

I rise both to applaud the collective efforts of these women and also to express my concerns for the future of this kind of historical textbook under the free trade agreement.

Under the Mulroney trade agreement we no longer will be able to promote and encourage our cultural industries through Canada Council grants and subsidies and Canadian content regulation. What a tragedy it is to find the history of Canadian women, only to lose it again under the trade deal.

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RAILWAYS

CARRIAGE OF DANGEROUS GOODS—SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION URGED

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, one year ago, on July 14, a train carrying hazardous material derailed in my constituency. Yesterday, one year later, I received the report of the Canadian Transport Commission investigation into that accident. The report indicated that at the time of the accident the train was travelling within the 65-mile an hour speed limit. It made no mention of the fact that just a short distance away the speed limit is only 25 miles per hour. It also made no mention of the fact that the train carried dangerous goods.

This one accident resulted in damages of almost \$1.5 million. Surely it is time to reduce the speed limit for trains carrying dangerous goods through densely populated communities.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

OPINION POLL RESULTS ON EXPENDITURES

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, the Reagan plan to absorb Canada economically through the Reagan-Mulroney trade deal is now revealed to include full military integration. Southam News yesterday revealed the recommendations of a high-level Canadian task force for Canada to join the U.S. with closer defence ties and a common defence economic market.

Two-way military trade reached a staggering \$3 billion last year and the task force recommended 20 specific ways to accelerate and to increase integration and continental military orientation. The Conservatives recommend an increase in defence spending of \$185 billion over the next 20 years.

In May of this year Angus Reid conducted a national poll for the Canadian Peace Alliance on whether Canadians would rather spend their tax dollars on military purposes or on improved social services. By a margin of two to one Canadians prefer improved social services.

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On whether Canada should allow foreign warships that are nuclear armed to enter Canadian waters and dock at our ports, only 27 per cent approve and 67 per cent are opposed.

Seventy-one per cent of Canadians have a positive opinion toward candidates in the up-coming election who will emphasize the importance of peace issues.

The Conservative task force recommendation to "eliminate national boundaries" in the areas of defence is not supportable. The task force blames a "strong nationalistic, protectionist, domestic, and political orientation" for restructuring the free flow of guns—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Drummond (Mr. Guilbault).

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TEXTILES

POSITION OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, the NDP cannot decide if it wants more or less protectionism.

Tariff barriers are now an outdated way to protect the domestic market. They restrict trade and protect our industries less and less. This policy is taken from Resolution B.2.1 of the 1961 Convention and it was reconfirmed in October 1986. Thus the NDP has contradictory commitments on textiles.

An NDP candidate speaking to textile workers can say, "We will impose restrictions on textile imports in order to protect our share of the Canadian market." This is Resolution A.2.11 of the 1983 Convention.

The next day, at a conference on the Third World, he can say, "We will abolish restrictions on textile imports in order to help developing countries. This is our policy that was adopted at a convention and published as Resolution B.2.4 in 1977."

In conclusion, it is clear that the NDP is somewhere between protectionism and expanding our markets abroad, between illusory socialism and false democracy.

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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

SMALL BUSINESSES—BANKING FEES

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, when he announced the policy on bank charges on June 30, the Minister of State for Finance (Mr. Hockin) spoke only of personal accounts and did not mention small business accounts.