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Clearly, Madam Speaker, something has gone haywire with the required consultation process between Interprovincial Pipeline, the National Energy Board, and the people. The NEB says it is "very sensitive to the feelings of the communities concerned". Very well, let the Board prove it in this case.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

GOVERNMENT'S AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM

Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood): Madam Speaker, the mandatory affirmative action program which was announced by the Government this week is certainly better than nothing, but the victims of discrimination, intentional, systemic, or whatever, must be wondering why it took so long and whether it is enough. The largest group affected are women who have been under represented in the upper echelons, over-qualified and underpaid for years. How many people will actually benefit from the proposals, with economic restraint and hiring freezes?

[Translation]

The new program is a dream for public servants and a nightmare for activists. Let us note that the Government is not expected to do anything before the next election. Reference is made to guidelines and numerical objectives, but the latter have not been set. The action program will not even be implemented before 1985.

[English]

The inquiry into Crown corporations, the choice of the companies and of Judge Abella, are commendable, but why now only another study? The Royal Commission on the Status of Women back in 1970 recommended that Crown corporations establish means to institute their recommendations and otherwise improve the situation of women in employment. Finally, let us be clear that the proposals are only to move women up the corporate ladder, not to improve the situation of the large numbers of women not promoted. Contract compliance measures to extend equal pay for work of equal value into the private sector are still needed.

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CANADA DAY

FLYING OF NATIONAL FLAG

Mr. Jesse P. Flis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, in celebration of Canada's 116th birthday on July 1 of this year, I wish to encourage all Hon. Members of this House, and all Senators, to encourage their respective constituents to fly the Canadian flag during Canada Day celebrations on Friday, July 1, and during Canada Week. It is a time to emphasize the benefits of national unity, to encourage a greater understanding among Canadians, and to encourage pride in our country.

The allotment of 75 large Canadian flags, 400 table flags, and 3,000 Canadian flag lapel pins, which each Hon. Member receives annually, was never meant to be kept in drawers or offices. The Canadian flag, in whatever form, was meant to be flown or worn, particularly on Canada's birthday, and I again encourage all Hon. Members, Senators and their constituents, and indeed all citizens of this great country, to fly and wear these Canadian flags during the celebrations of Canada's birthday.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

POLICIES PROPOSED BY WESTERN MEMBERS OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, being a son of Saskatchewan I have long watched with interest and fascination the activities of the CCF and the New Democratic Party. The steady decline in the support of the Party to my left in the polls, particularly in the West, has no doubt raised concerns about the political future of its members, their policy positions and leadership. Indeed, they have every right to be concerned when it is so clear that the hopes and aspirations of western Canadians are best represented by the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

Some of the prominent western members of the NDP issued a statement of principles, a new Regina Manifesto, which they want to see debated at the upcoming national convention in Regina. Former Premier Blakeney, and Mr. Notley of Alberta, seem to be concerned with the federal NDP's capacity to come down consistently on the wrong side of each issue.

Many people in the West had a good deal of respect for the CCF and its leadership. It appears, though, the western faction of the NDP feels the current policies and leadership of the Party will lead it into the political wilderness. It is because of my deep concern for the NDP, and my sadness at seeing a political movement disintegrate at this time in Canada's history, that I make this suggestion. Perhaps the Party's problem is its leadership. Perhaps the person who has been calling the shots should go. Perhaps Dennis McDermot of the CLC, the real leader of the NDP, must go.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

CENTRAL AMERICA—UNITED STATES INFLUENCE ON LENDING POLICIES OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, the Centre for International Policy, a U.S. research organization based in Washington, claims that the Reagan administration has basically succeeded in its campaign to make international financial institutions like the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank,