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LABOUR RELATIONS

CHILD CARE PROVISION ACHIEVED IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Madam Speaker, recently a great victory for women and, indeed, for all workers, was won by the United Auto Workers Local 1325 in Stratford, Ontario. In a major breakthrough in collective bargaining, the union fought for and won recognition of child care as an important service for employees.

The employer, Canadian Fabricated Products, has agreed to put two cents per hour worked by employees into a daycare fund, contributing a total of \$935 per week. In order for this project to be successful as a demonstration program it is essential that the federal Government participate in funding.

I wish to congratulate the union for achieving this genuine success story for women in the labour movement. Over 90 per cent of the 1,170 workers at the plant are women, including the local union president, plant chairperson, and the entire bargaining committee.

Once again the labour movement is in the forefront of progressive social change. Medicare pensions and human rights legislation also began as individual clauses in union contracts. NDP Members of Parliament join the labour movement in urging the Government to take the necessary steps to guarantee universal daycare for all parents and children in all communities. We urge the federal Government to follow this example and expand daycare for federal employees.

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CANADIAN HERITAGE

PROTECTION OF ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth): Madam Speaker, for three days we have been hearing horror stories about government spending out of control, and clear examples of the Liberals cooking the books. I would like to focus on this Government neglecting books, a clear violation of Canada's cultural heritage.

In the Auditor General's Report two chapters are devoted to grave concern about the federal Government's lack of attention to our priceless national assets in the National Library and the Public Archives of Canada.

Sir Arthur Doughty, the first Dominion Archivist, said this back in 1924:

Of all national assets, archives are the most precious; they are the gift of one generation to another, and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our civilization.

The Auditor General warns that not only is security woefully inadequate to protect Canada's cultural treasures; worse, there is totally insufficient funding to protect our national assets from deterioration because they are being maintained in unacceptable temperature and humidity conditions. Surely the Government's spending priorities are entirely out of whack. Only one-half person hour per year has been designated for preservation work in the National Library.

I find utterly incredible the fact that the Government wastes untold hundreds of millions of dollars on its short-term political projects, while Canada's precious national assets succumb to age and lack of proper care.

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SMALL BUSINESS

COST OF COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS

Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon-Souris): Madam Speaker, a situation recently came to my attention which demonstrates all too clearly the nightmare of red tape that has been imposed upon small business by the Government.

A businessman in my constituency of Brandon-Souris is a distributor of agricultural machinery repair parts. He has been told that, in order to be exempt from duty charges on the products he imports and sells, he must provide detailed records of every transaction. That means a piece of paperwork for items worth only 25 cents. On top of that, he cannot get a straight answer on whether he has to pay federal sales tax on these items. In addition, some larger dealers who are in the same business but have much greater resources are exempt from the very same regulations which he must meet.

His is a story with a familiar ring. Because of the great amount of record keeping involved in some government programs, many small businesses may be inclined to forget about the regulations and forgo the benefits of the programs. If a company simply cannot comply with the regulations, either the extra cost is passed on to the consumer, or the company must discontinue carrying certain products altogether.

It is abundantly clear to owners of small businesses that the Liberals can offer them nothing but pointless interference and prohibitive regulations. The only hope for the small businesses of this country is that the Liberal Government itself will soon be out of business.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

IMPLEMENTATION OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY—IMPACT ON WORKERS

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Madam Speaker, over the past few months the Government has been trumpeting the benefits of high-technology as a panacea for the economic problems we face. Just recently the Minister of State for