

## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

## CHEMICAL POLLUTION OF RHINE RIVER

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, France's environment Minister, Alain Carignon, has called the chemical spill at the Swiss firm Sandoz near Basel: "An ecological catastrophe".

Residents of many towns along the Rhine River, forced to abandon the river as a source of household water, have resorted to water trucked in from elsewhere by fire departments.

Another chemical company, Ciba-Geigy, spilled 400 litres of the herbicide atrazine into the Rhine.

Swiss officials talk about the Sandoz incident as having shattered their confidence in self-regulation of the industry. The statement issued at a special session of the Basel Parliament said that the fire at Sandoz and its consequences have profoundly shaken confidence in the chemical industry.

The accident has led authorities to focus on the dangers surrounding the storage of dangerous chemicals as well as the more obvious risks from production and transport.

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## POLITICAL PARTIES

## CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—CONDUCT OF NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER

**Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge—Foothills):** Mr. Speaker, free trade should have been negotiated with the United States during the last Parliament. The Liberal-NDP alliance wasted that Parliament with massive deficits and policies like the National Energy Program.

Now, with the Democrats controlling both U.S. Houses, it will be difficult to protect the three million Canadian jobs tied directly to exports to the United States.

Every student who wants a future job, every lumberman, every grain, hog and cattle producer, and every factory worker should be enraged that their jobs and their futures have been put into real jeopardy by the irresponsible conduct of the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent). The pension of every senior citizen is in danger if Canada loses more jobs due to U.S. protectionism.

I call upon the Leader of the New Democratic Party to stop sabotaging the future of Canada and Canadians. Let Mr. Reisman do his job.

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## ASSASSINATION OF ROLANDO OLALIA, PHILIPPINES LABOUR LEADER

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, I want to express our very deep regrets at the assassination last week of Rolando Olalia, the Philippines labour leader who had done so much to try to bring about reconciliation within his country.

His KMU was a coalition which included labour unions, peasants, and unemployed workers. It had close contacts with our own Canadian Labour Congress. His death has cost the Philippines an important spokesperson for peace and for reconciliation in the future. It is to be deeply regretted.

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## ACTIONS OF SEA SHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY CONDEMNED

**Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming):** Mr. Speaker, I am very concerned about comments made to the national press recently by Paul Watson of Vancouver, the leader of the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

On November 8 Mr. Watson's organization destroyed two whaling vessels and a processing plant in Iceland. He has publicly announced that he intends to destroy Asian monofilament nets in the North Pacific.

I am concerned as a member of the Standing Committee on Environment, and indeed as a Canadian citizen, that the global village does not view Canada as a country that attempts to come to terms with environmental problems through criminal activities. What Paul Watson has done is criminal and Canadians do not condone this type of action.

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## BANKS AND BANKING

## ESTEY COMMISSION REPORT—CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, the Government has made much of the fact that the Estey Report did not find Ministers blameworthy in events leading up to the bail-out of the Canadian Commercial Bank. However, Mr. Justice Estey had some trenchant criticism of the Government's actions during and after the bail-out, the very things about which the Official Opposition has been challenging the Government since March, 1985.

The Estey Report has confirmed that the Government made a hasty and uninformed decision without recourse to facts that