

brightest lights in Canadian fashions, as well as some promising newcomers, Friday night in Ottawa at the Capital Congress Centre.

As it happens, the Member for Outremont (Mrs. Pépin) and I today are wearing creations of a young designer from Toronto. With all the promise that Fashion Access Canada represents for the youth of tomorrow in one of our most important industries, I am confident that it will not be long before I will be wearing a dress fashioned by a young person from Argenteuil-Papineau.

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INDUSTRY

MITEL CORPORATION—ANNOUNCED CLOSURE OF RENFREW PLANT

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago Mitel Corporation announced a major export of production which will result in the closing of that company's Renfrew plant at a cost of more than 500 jobs.

Mitel has said that the Renfrew plant must be closed so that production can be moved closer to international markets. We have to recall, however, that it is no longer Mitel management which is calling all the shots, but British Telecom which, thanks to the Government's blind faith in foreign ownership, now owns a majority stake in Mitel and is moving that company's technology to Wales.

On May 16, 1986, in Parliament, the former Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion read from a letter of intent signed by British Telecom promising to preserve Mitel's Canadian workforce of 2,500. That job guarantee has now been broken.

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Since 1978 over \$32 million in federal grants has gone to Mitel for the purposes of technology development. My leader has called for a full accounting into the contractual obligations of Mitel in all past and present federal spending agreements in light of the Renfrew plant closing. The Government should also table in the House all documents pertaining to the sale of Mitel to British Telecom so that a parliamentary committee can review the situation and this shoddy loss of Canadian jobs.

[Translation]

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S ALLEGED NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD QUEBEC PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, today I would like to call the attention of this House to the fact that Quebecers are very disappointed with the cavalier attitude taken by the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent) to the development of Quebec's pharmaceutical industry, when he sent a letter that was critical of this project to the entire English-speaking population of this country, forgetting Quebec altogether.

On Friday, November 7, Mr. Speaker, under the approving eye of their leader, the stalwart troops of the socialist party found nothing better to do all day in the House than delay the tabling of our Bill on the pharmaceutical industry.

Why does the leader of the socialist party want to deprive Quebecers of industrial investments totalling nearly one billion dollars? Why does the leader of the socialist party want to deprive Quebec of 3,000 jobs with very substantial technological benefits?

Mr. Speaker, Quebecers are not about to forget the socialist party!

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NUCLEAR ENERGY

ONTARIO—PREMIER'S REJECTION OF FURTHER NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, Premier Peterson made the right decision not to favour the building of more nuclear power plants in Ontario. "I don't see another Darlington being built", he said. That is a wise decision considering Ontario Hydro's \$25 billion debt is one half of the provincial debt. Peterson rejected the possibility of power shortages within five years and said his Government feels no pressing need to plan new generating facilities. He hinted his Government might try to save power through conservation rather than build a multibillion dollar plant.

The Ontario Select Committee on Energy called for a change to the Power Corporation Act to allow Hydro to invest in conservation efforts. Currently Hydro is only allowed to spend money to create power. We urge the Premier and his Cabinet to put Ontario Hydro on the path to energy conservation to reduce our dependence on nuclear power.