

*S. O. 21***CAPE BRETON DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

RETENTION OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION URGED

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, the people of Cape Breton Island have been hearing rumours for some time that the Government plans to disband the Industrial Development Division of the Cape Breton Development Corporation. Such a move would be a terrible mistake.

The division has played an important role in helping diversify the economy of Cape Breton. That is why the 250 people who attended a meeting on Tuesday night in Sydney unanimously passed a motion calling on the Government not to scrap the division. Employers who attended the meeting acknowledged that without the division they might never have come to Cape Breton. Mayor David MacDonald of North Sydney called it "the vital component for the continuing search for success in Cape Breton".

The role of the IDD should be increased, not ended. Its work cannot be shifted to Enterprise Cape Breton. That body has too narrow a mandate for the job. I urge the Government to follow the wishes of the people of that island and retain a body which has done so much to help Cape Breton.

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MULTICULTURALISM

LEGAL STATUS OF MULTICULTURALISM

Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Secretary of State and Minister responsible for Multiculturalism): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, December 1st, Canadians witnessed the implementation of yet another promise made by the Conservative Government with the introduction of the Bill on Multiculturalism, as promised by our Prime Minister in 1984, as well as the creation of a Parliamentary Committee on Multiculturalism.

This legislation reaffirms the freedom already enjoyed by Canadians from all ethnic origins, to maintain, improve and share our cultural heritage. It acknowledges that all Canadians are equal partners.

To those who want a separate department, I will say: "Beware lest you create a multicultural ghetto!" To those who want a commissioner for multiculturalism, I will say: "Beware of sterile duplication!" The Human Rights Commission as well as the Parliamentary Committee on Multiculturalism already are adequately filling the bill.

To conclude, multiculturalism affects all Canadians and promotes harmony and stability in this country. I take pride in being a citizen of the first country in the world to pass a legislation on multiculturalism.

December 1st, Mr. Speaker, was not a symbolic but an historic day.

Well done and thank you Canada!

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SHIPBUILDING

NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO AWARD CONTRACTS IN QUEBEC

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, today, another 450 workers from the yards at Lauzon near Quebec City have come to ask for work. Last week they came from Halifax, and the week before they came from Vickers in Montreal.

Mr. Speaker, workers from the Davie Yard at Lauzon, Quebec, want two frigates to go to Lauzon near Quebec City.

My advice to the Conservatives is as follows: This Government must award shipbuilding contracts to yards in the Maritimes and Quebec. If Quebec yards are not going to build frigates, they must have other work because these are very skilled workers.

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ENERGY

FEDERAL INITIATIVES TO ASSIST ECONOMY OF ALBERTA

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, the Alberta economy will resume real growth this year, and expansion will continue in 1988. A 1 per cent increase is forecast by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada in its November report.

In 1985 this Government removed the Liberal National Energy Program which devastated the west. In 1986 this Government removed the unilaterally imposed federal Petroleum Gas Revenue Tax which raped Alberta of \$56 billion. When world energy prices fell, we implemented the Canadian Exploration and Development Incentive Program to assist small and medium-sized producers.

These federal initiatives, provincial royalty holidays, and drilling incentives, plus the recent stability of crude oil prices, have renewed investor confidence. Three times as many oil rigs are working today compared to one year ago. Deliveries of natural gas are expected to increase.

Livestock producers have benefited from higher cattle, hog and milk prices, plus lower feed and oil prices. Calgary is hosting the 1988 Winter Olympic Games which will contribute as much as \$800 million and 19,000 person-years of employment in Alberta.