

and Mines (Mr. Merrithew) to do whatever is necessary to ensure that in tomorrow's Budget the Minister of Finance for British Columbia includes a provision stating that the full \$360 million is to be dedicated to husbanding the province's forests, through direct investments where feasible, and through the establishment of a forest industry heritage fund for the long-term funding of silviculture programs in that province.

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CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

ROLE PLAYED BY HELICOPTER PILOT IN RESCUING RUSSIAN SAILORS

Mr. Lawrence I. O'Neil (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Mr. Speaker, many Canadians are now aware that a Canadian Forces pilot on exchange duty with the United States Coast Guard at Cape Cod, Massachusetts, was involved last Saturday in an heroic rescue mission off the coast of New Jersey in which 37 lives were saved.

A distress signal from a Soviet freighter was received early Saturday morning, and soon thereafter rescue helicopters were dispatched to the scene. Canadian Forces pilot, Captain Rick Hardy, a native of Prince Edward Island, was the second helicopter pilot to arrive on scene. With a steady hand during heavy rain and sleet, screaming winds and dangerous sea conditions, his helicopter plucked 16 Russian sailors off the deck of their ship.

This daring rescue during severe weather conditions shows the great expertise and coolness of this Canadian Forces pilot. All Canadians can feel proud of the honour which has been bestowed upon him and his Coast Guard colleagues by the President of the United States. All Atlantic Canadians are especially proud.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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WAR CRIMINALS

DESCHÊNES COMMISSION REPORT—CALL FOR PUBLICATION OF STUDY ON ENTRY TO CANADA

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, the Deschênes Report reinforces the commitment of Canadians to the principles of justice. An important part of the commission's mandate was to report on when and how Nazi war criminals obtained entry to Canada.

The analysis of this question prepared by Alti Rodal has been described by Justice Deschênes as "an outstanding contribution—which deserves wide distribution". I therefore call upon the Government to make the document public without which there is no historical context for the individual cases reviewed by the commission.

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I am pleased the Government intends to amend our Criminal Code to permit prosecutions of war criminals in Canada. In March, 1985, I introduced a similar amendment and was advised that it was premature. I trust the Government will proceed quickly with amendments and direct our law enforcement agencies to give these cases a priority. To do otherwise would be to betray the victims of Naziism, the privilege of Canadian citizenship, and Canada's moral and international obligation to prosecute war criminals. The passage of time does not diminish the severity of war crimes committed by any individual, wherever and whenever perpetrated.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—POSITION OF NDP AND LIBERAL PARTIES—EFFECT ON ALBERTA

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, for decades now Albertans have been held down by trade shackles. The Progressives of western Canada set out to remove those fetters. They later joined the Conservatives and the fight to free Alberta continued.

Tommy Douglas and his CCF joined the battle, but when the unions took over the NDP the tradition of Tommy Douglas died and Alberta was abandoned by that Party. Under Pierre Trudeau, Marc Lalonde and their colleagues, the Liberals not only ignored Alberta but added to the problem with their oppressive energy policies. Now, Mr. Speaker, the NDP and the Liberals have once again joined to prevent Alberta from throwing off those shackles.

The Liberals have joined forces with the Premier of Ontario, the NDP and the union bosses in an attempt to prevent the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) from negotiating a freer trade agreement with the United States, an agreement that could finally remove some of the heaviest shackles from around the necks of Albertans. The Liberals, the New Democrats and their colleagues are working against Alberta. They should be declared Public Enemy No. 1.

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HARBOURS AND PORTS

SMALL CRAFT HARBOURS—CALL FOR INCREASED MAINTENANCE BUDGET

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, the Government has neglected small craft harbours, boat launching ramps and wharves in Canada to the point of being irresponsible. Existing small craft boating facilities are being allowed to deteriorate because there is no money for maintenance. As a result, existing harbours, wharfs and