

## S.O. 22

in the next five years, is being sold off at a bargain-basement price. If that is not true, then the report should be made available to Members of the House before we refer this matter to the committee.

[Translation]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. It being 1.18 p.m., I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1.18 p.m., the House took recess.

## AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

## FISHERIES

## SITUATION OF ATLANTIC INSHORE FISHERMEN

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I call upon the Government to reverse its horrific slide in assistance to inshore fishermen. These people are the object of terrible discrimination at the hands of the Progressive Conservative Government.

While the corporate sector gets its fiscal kickbacks, assistance to inshore fishermen is savagely cut. Money allocated to dredging and other improvements for small craft harbours has been virtually eliminated. It had gone from \$140 million in 1983-84 to \$13.2 million for this fiscal year. This is a cut of 94.5 per cent to the inshore fishermen.

Why is the Government doing this to the fishermen in Atlantic Canada, in places like Gabarus, L'Ardoise, South Bar, Port Morien, Glace Bay, Main-A-Dieu, Little Lorraine, and thousands of other small communities throughout the country? This cut, on top of the cancellation of the vessel replacement program, can only lead to one conclusion: The Department's and the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans' (Mr. Siddon) policy for the inshore fishery is to make the inshore fisherman an extinct species.

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[Translation]

## INDUSTRY

SAINT RAYMOND PULP AND PAPER PLANT AT DESBIENS, QUE.—  
GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to draw the attention of the House to the situation in the

village of Desbiens near Chicoutimi where the St. Raymond pulp and paper mill has been closed for four years.

Eighteen of the 125 workers laid off as a result of the shutdown are now occupying the mill to draw the attention of the Governments of Quebec and Canada to the situation at the mill and particularly to the promise made by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) during the election campaign.

The Prime Minister, then Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, promised financial assistance to re-open the St. Raymond pulp and paper mill, if he and his Party would form the Government. Mr. Speaker, almost 20 months have passed since that promise was made, but the Government has not done anything yet. Promises were made, but no action—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The 60 seconds have expired.

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[English]

## SPORTS

## ALBERTA RINK WINS MEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

**Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, I realize that congratulatory messages are not permitted under the rules of the House. I would like, however, to draw to the attention of my colleagues and of all Canadians the fact that yesterday the Province of Alberta won the Brier, emblematic of men's curling supremacy in Canada. I would also like to stress that I am a native of Ontario. That is the province that came "oh so close" to winning the Brier. It did not, however, because Alberta was best.

Alberta had the best rink. I feel, therefore, that it is extremely important to announce that all Canadians are proud of Alberta and the Ed Lukowich rink, and all Canadians are looking forward to being so ably represented in the upcoming world championships to be held, by the way, Mr. Speaker, in Toronto.

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## ETHNIC AFFAIRS

## ANNUAL HARRY JEROME AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

**Mr. Alan Redway (York East):** Mr. Speaker, last Saturday night in Toronto, Members from all sides of the House, including four Progressive Conservative Members, attended the extremely successful annual Harry Jerome Awards dinner sponsored by the Black Business and Professional Association.

Established to honour the memory of one of Canada's world-class athletes, to pay tribute to black Canadian achievers, and to inspire young black Canadians and all Canadians to strive for excellence, the awards this year went to Bridgette Arrindell and David Lowe for academics, Lorelei Eccleston for arts, and Darren Lowe, Kyle McDuffie, and Donna Smellie for athletics, as well as to role models Carrie Best, an 83-year-old human rights activist from new Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and