

the Government to have the task force consider the consequences to Toronto of closing down railway tracks through remote regions which could result in dangerous chemicals having to be carried through our metropolitan areas.

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WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

THE OLYMPIC TORCH—CELEBRATIONS PLANNED BY CITY OF LONDON

Mr. Terry Clifford (London—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, today with the arrival in Ottawa of the Olympic Torch, the Parliament of Canada had the opportunity to share the spirit. As the Torch lights up 800 Canadian cities, towns, and villages, its glow is reaching the hearts of millions of Canadians.

The Government of Canada's initiative to share the Olympic spirit with the Celebration '88 Program is an overwhelming success. More than 2,000—and counting—voluntary self-financed community committees are creating and implementing hundreds of Olympic-themed events.

The City of London Celebration '88 Committee, with 40 members and 30 organizations, has organized, among other events, a program on January 3, 1988, named "The London Winterfest", a special day when the Torch arrives for all Londoners to join in the Olympic spirit. The London Celebration '88 medal award winners who proudly manifest the Olympic ideals are Darrel Foley, Jennifer Armstrong, John Simmons, Harvey Bailie, Tim McLennan, and Jimmy Agathos. As all communities of Canada "catch the flame" we will truly recognize the ultimate goal—a unity among Canadians, and their pride in showing the world "our Canada" at Calgary in 1988.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

LUBICON LAKE INDIAN BAND LAND CLAIM—REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEDIATOR

Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, today the Olympic Flame came to Ottawa. To the majority of people who were standing in the blowing snow to watch the Flame arrive, it represents the pride of the world in its best young athletes. But to one small group huddled in the cold this morning this flame means something else. To the Lubicon Indians it is a symbol of those who are exploiting them, the sponsors of the Olympic Games.

The oil companies are taking oil out of traditional Lubicon lands to the tune of \$1 million a day. The federal Government

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has permitted this uncurbed exploitation that brings with it disease, despair, and destruction to the people who live on the land.

The rest of the world watches us as we approach the opening moment of the Winter Olympics. Unfortunately, we as Canadians are cast in the shadow of this shameful business. The federal Government now plans to negotiate a deal with the Alberta Government without the participation of the very people who are suffering as a result of the Government's dereliction of its duty.

All the Lubicons ask is that the person who carried out the inquiry on this matter, the person most knowledgeable about the facts of this case, and I might add, a former Tory cabinet Minister, be involved in these negotiations. I call upon the Minister of Indians Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. McKnight) to direct his negotiator to invite Mr. Davie Fulton to participate in the negotiations, and to ensure that this long-standing claim is settled in a fair and democratic manner.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

QUÉBEC-EST CONSTITUENCY—GOVERNMENT PERFORMANCE

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce that twenty-four projects for the riding of Québec-Est were approved under the Industrial and Regional Development Program from September 1984 to September 1987. The funding provided by the Progressive Conservative Government for these commitments totalled \$1,614,453.

One hundred and sixty-eight jobs were created as a result of these projects, Mr. Speaker. This is an example of a serious and concrete commitment on the part of our Government to improve the country's economy which had been so sorely neglected by the federal Liberals.

In Quebec, the Progressive Conservative Government has been creating jobs at the rate of 6,421 per month, for a total of 244,000, nine times the rate of 727 jobs per month under the Liberals, while today's unemployment rate of 9.5 per cent is the lowest since April 1981.

Entrepreneurs in my riding have benefited substantially from this Government's economic programs, and they greatly appreciate our initiative and our leadership in this respect.

Thanks to financial assistance provided by the Government to businesses anxious to modernize or improve their productivity, those businesses will be in better shape to compete with the Americans when the Free Trade Agreement is ratified, which in turn will create thousands more jobs.