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Government of Canada holding back on reaching an agreement with this First Nation and first citizens of South Moresby?

I call upon the good will of all Members in this House, in particular upon the Prime Minister, to direct that the title and rights of the Haida nation be recognized and affirmed. They have above all others called for the preservation of South Moresby. It is their home since time immemorial. They have proven to be caring stewards for the land.

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Parliament voted unanimously, let Parliament now act.

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK

ACID RAIN—IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION IN MOTIVATING PEOPLE TO ACT

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound—Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, today we Canadians celebrate the beginning of Environment Week. All this week concerned citizens across this great land will participate in organized events aimed at breaking new ground in finding solutions to environmental problems.

Our theme today, "Talk It Up", shows the important role information plays motivating people to action. Actions begin with ideas. By discussing issues of concern actions will result, actions to combat environmental problems, problems such as acid rain.

This Government more than any other Government has made people aware on both sides of the border about the seriousness of acid rain. This year's theme, "Our Common Future", shows how Canadians can continue to be world leaders in responsible environmental development.

I will be leading a parliamentary delegation to Washington next week as government and Leaders from both sides of the House will work with our American counterparts in an effort to make acid rain a thing of the past.

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SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUNG HOCKEY PLAYER MARTIN GÉLINAS

Mr. Gilles Grondin (Saint-Maurice): Mr. Speaker, youth is often criticized, but today I would like to draw the attention of the House to the courage, determination and energy with

which a young hockey player from my area has pursued his all-important goal: To become a member of the National Hockey League as soon as possible.

During the last few years, in the summer when most of us like to relax, this young man rode his bicycle 40 miles and did two hours of Nautilus training every day to improve his level of fitness and prepare for training camp.

Martin Gélinas from Shawinigan South, who is here today with his parents, has done everything he could to achieve excellence. It wasn't easy, but thanks to his strength of character and determination, and also thanks to the support of his parents and his trainers, the year 1987-88 was to crown more than ten years of constant effort and hard work to get to where he is today.

At their last dinner, the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League named Martin recruit of the year, and in the Memorial Cup tournament Martin was named Canadian Junior Hockey's star recruit.

I want to pay tribute to Martin, who plays for the Hull Olympiques. In a few weeks, Martin will be a first-round draft pick for the National Hockey League and certainly the first Quebec player to be drafted.

Good luck, Martin!

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NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

INDIAN SUBCONTINENT—ARMS RACE DEPLORED

Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, the Indian subcontinent threatens to become a flash point for a major confrontation. India is pursuing a massive armament program which has included the successful testing of a nuclear device, and a delivery system. It soon will receive a used Soviet nuclear powered submarine.

Pakistan, reacting to its neighbour's build-up, has embarked on its own armament program which has included the testing of a missile capable of carrying a nuclear device.

Canada is a major contributor of aid to these countries. I am concerned that Canadian tax dollars which are earmarked to aid the people will help indirectly to subsidize this arms race. Canadian aid will allow these two nations to be able to divert more of their own resources to either produce or acquire arms.

In light of these developments the Government must examine our aid to these two nations and all other nations which put armaments above the well-being of their people.