

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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TRADE

SUPPORT FOR COMMITTEE'S TRADE DEVELOPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. William C. Winegard (Guelph): Mr. Speaker, today I wish to draw attention to the Second Report of the Standing Committee on External Affairs and International Trade. This report concerns the trade development function of the Department of External Affairs. I support the recommendations of the committee and would particularly urge the Government to ensure that trade development receives the highest possible priority in the Department and that the programs offered by trade development be made better known to Members of Parliament.

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We, the Members, are willing and able to promote trade, particularly in our ridings, with the right kind of information in a readable and practical form. I also urge Canadian business and private sector associations to do more to promote export trade. They should not rely entirely upon government.

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CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

THREAT TO SERVICE BETWEEN OTTAWA AND MONTREAL

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, on September 25, 1986, CN Rail sent a letter to some of its employees saying:

In the context of the rationalization of our rail infrastructure, some lines have been identified as being potential candidates for abandonment in the coming years.

Any effort to attract new traffic on these lines is to be abandoned immediately.

For the traffic already on these lines, we must consider either, and preferably, converting this traffic onto the intermodal system—

Two of the lines identified in this document are in the Alexandria subdivision, which is the only rail line linking Ottawa and Montreal. That would effectively end all train passenger and freight services between those two cities.

Other lines identified in the same document are the Alderdale and Beachburg subdivisions linking Ottawa to North Bay and Sudbury. That would effectively eliminate all train service between Sudbury and Montreal, including the cities of North Bay, Pembroke and Ottawa.

Someone should tell CN Rail to smarten up. This afternoon we are having a meeting of interested eastern Ontario municipalities in the Railway Committee Room and we intend to

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adopt resolutions there and bring this to the attention of the Government. Hopefully the Government will tell CN Rail to sharpen up and stop attacking eastern Ontario.

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CHILD CARE

DELAY IN REACHING FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENT

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, today there was a child care lobby outside the House of Commons. Part of the reason for that lobby was the Minister of National Health and Welfare's (Mr. Epp) declaration that there would not be a federal-provincial agreement on child care prior to the end of June.

This is an issue about which many Canadians, especially women with young children, are concerned. They believe the Government promised there would finally be some action. They are very disappointed that the Minister said there will be no agreement between now and the end of June. Many of those people wanted to present a petition to the House and I would like to read from it.

WHEREAS there is a child care crisis in Canada; and

WHEREAS tax credits will not create an accessible quality child care system; and

WHEREAS an accessible child care system is an essential element for women's equality

WHEREFORE, the undersigned, your petitioners humbly pray and call upon Parliament to provide the Provinces and Territories with immediate short-term funding to strengthen and expand non-profit child care while a new cost-sharing agreement is being negotiated; and further, to take this measure as a first step toward the public funding needed to create a system of quality, non-profit child care, accessible to all parents who wish to use it.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

CANADIAN SHIPYARDS UPHELD

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, there is a story in this morning's *Globe and Mail* date-lined London, England, about a series of interviews held with so-called British experts. The experts questioned the ability of Canadian shipyards to build nuclear submarines, the capacity of the Canadian Navy to recruit and train crews, and the expertise of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. to supervise safe installation and operation of reactors.

I think that is a bunch of nonsense.

I think Canadian shipyards are capable of building any vessel that can float.

Canadian mariners and submariners are among the best in the world.