

S. O. 31

[Translation]

It being two o'clock, the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 31.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

AIR SAFETY

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, no Canadian traveller can feel anything but concerned and uneasy over safety in this country's skies.

This government promised that the brave new world of deregulation would not harm safety in the slightest. Last Thursday that promise was shown to be hollow. A senior Transport Canada safety inspector, Henry Dick, told the inquiry into last year's Air Ontario disaster at Dryden that air passenger safety has been compromised since deregulation. He told the inquiry that deregulation has increased his department's workload by as much as 50 per cent, yet there has been no increase in the number of inspectors. That staff shortage, plus the transition period at Air Ontario, made a thorough safety check-up of the company's planes very difficult.

Where is this government's commitment to safety? When will this government make good on its promises and hire the inspectors that are so desperately needed? The Canadian travelling public needs to know now.

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CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND
CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

Mr. Bob Hicks (Scarborough East): Mr. Speaker, the Conference on Security and Co-Operation in Europe held in Paris this week is breaking ground few of us could have imagined, even months ago.

The CSCE is opening doors to a new relationship between eastern and western Europe and between Europe and North America. Europe is at last liberated from the threat of opposing military alliances and united in its commitment to democracy, human rights, and economic co-operation. Canada has joined 33 other

nations to promote greater prospects of booming pan-European and trans-Atlantic trade.

The CSCE should complement the work already done by NATO to enhance peace and security in Europe. The CSCE should have a permanent secretariat with a clear mandate to keep communication open and honest throughout the European community.

For the common good it appears that the cold war is truly and finally over.

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CANADA POST

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, on August 18, 1989 I wrote to both the president and the minister responsible for Canada Post asking that a stamp be struck in honour of the 125th anniversary of the birth of Marie Skłodowska-Curie. As members of this House are aware, Marie Curie's accomplishments in the study of radioactivity won her the Nobel prize in physics in 1903.

In response to my letter, I was advised by the chairman of Canada Post that decisions of this sort are made in accordance with Article 3 of Canada Post's corporate policy which states that the stamp advisory committee gives preference to subjects that are primarily related to Canada.

I am sure that executives at McDonald's, having paid \$250,000 to have their label printed on the salvage of a series of our stamps, were ecstatic to learn that their hamburgers were considered more in keeping with Canada's interests than a woman who discovered a cure for cancer, benefiting thousands of people all over the world including Canadians.

Maybe it is high time for a rude reminder to Canada Post of our priorities as a country.

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GRAIN AND OILSEEDS

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, last week in Winnipeg, federal and provincial agriculture ministers met to discuss the cost sharing of proposals made by the producer and federal and provincial government representatives who make up the grain and oilseed safety net committee.