

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### REVIEW OF CANADA-UNITED STATES ISSUES

**Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, June 1 marked the beginning of Canadian Environment Week, an occasion of great importance to all Canadians.

The recent environmental review of Canada-U.S. border issues concluded by the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) and the Administrator of the American Environmental Protection Agency has brought new focus to concerns regarding acid rain and Great Lakes water quality. I am pleased to see that the agreement concluded by the Minister recognizes the immediate need for action on this front, and that the joint energies of two Governments will be focused on this problem.

Parkdale—High Park residents are aware of the urgency of these issues and the important impact prompt action will have on the quality of life we bequeath our children. Living on the very shores of Lake Ontario, Torontonians are closely affected by the results of environmental neglect and are cognizant of the need for close co-operation between all levels of Government if we are to achieve an effective solution.

On behalf of my constituents, and all Canadians, I urge the Minister to continue his work and to intensify efforts to provide a clean and safe environment in which to live and raise our children.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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[Translation]

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### ACTION REQUIRED TO PRESERVE QUALITY OF LIFE

**Mr. Maurice Tremblay (Lotbinière):** On May 30, Mr. Speaker, the Minister of the Environment, the Hon. Tom McMillan, invited all Canadians to do something during Environment Week to convince all citizens of the role they can play individually and collectively to protect, preserve and enhance our common heritage.

This morning, Mr. Speaker, 90 young people 11 to 14 years of age, from *Collège Clarétain* in Victoriaville, presented Mr. Francis Kinnely, an official from the United States Embassy in Ottawa, with a petition expressing the concern of over 86,000 young Quebecers for the damage acid rains have caused to their environment.

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These young people have been responding for nearly two years to the Government's request to exert pressure to indicate their dissatisfaction with the acid rain threat.

A copy of this petition will be sent to Mr. McMillan, the Minister of Environment, whom I invite, together with all these young people, to continue their action in order to improve our environment and preserve our quality of life.

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[English]

## CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

### FORESTRY SECTOR JOBS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, 11 per cent of Canadians in the workforce are employed either directly or indirectly by the forestry sector. It is a renewable resource which, if properly managed, will continue to employ many Canadians in the years to come. To this end the Government announced last fall, as part of its Canadian Jobs Strategy, a budget of \$6 million in the 1985-86 fiscal year for the Forestry Sector Job Development Program, a program with the stated objective of improving forest management skills. Funding only became available in January of this year. We forgave the Government as we have come to expect such tardiness.

Without explanation, and only several short months after funding was first made available, the Government abruptly announced that funding for the 1986-87 fiscal year would be cut back by two-thirds. Students in training at the Petawawa National Forestry Institute, for example, will be turned away with their forestry course only half finished. The action of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) displays a complete lack of direction.

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## AGRICULTURE

### DOMESTIC PRICE OF WHEAT—COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, the Committee on the Pricing of Domestic Wheat today recommended retention of the current two-price wheat system and an increase to \$10 per bushel for that 8 per cent of Canadian production consumed in Canada by humans. The \$10 price will represent a welcome shot in the arm for a productive sector of Canadian agriculture which faces an unprecedented world price collapse due to a subsidized trade war between the U.S. and the EEC.