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individual award for his outstanding work in the fight against drug abuse.

I am encouraged by the impact that this group and Dr. Reid are continuing to have on the war against drug abuse, and I salute their efforts.

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**FORESTRY**

## LA SARRE—FORESTRY CAPITAL OF CANADA, 1989

**Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, the week of May 7 to May 13 marks the National Forest Week. Each year, the Canadian Forestry Association bestows on a municipality the title of Forestry Capital of Canada 1989.

I am proud to inform the House that the municipality of La Sarre has been chosen as the Forestry Capital of Canada 1989. La Sarre is the first municipality in Québec to receive this honour.

This prestigious title will be officially bestowed on the municipality by the Minister of State (Forestry) next Saturday May 13. I am delighted that the people of La Sarre will thus become the focal point of Canada.

Allow me, Mr. Speaker, to congratulate all interested parties as well as all forestry workers in my region whose contribution has made 1989 a memorable year for the municipality of La Sarre.

A big cheer for La Sarre, Forestry Capital of Canada 1989.

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**FISHERIES**

## CLOSURE OF NATIONAL SEA PRODUCTS PLANTS IN ATLANTIC CANADA

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, the announcement today by Gordon Cummings, the President of National Sea Products Ltd. in Halifax, is another fatal blow to the economy of Atlantic Canada.

National Sea Products Ltd. have closed the Lockeport fish processing plant in Nova Scotia. It is also closing for a two-month period the following fish plants in Atlantic Canada: the Lunenburg wetfish operation, the Canso operation, losing 625 jobs—the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) may laugh, Mr. Speaker, but the people of Atlantic Canada are not laughing. He will have to account for the sins, not only of his Budget, but also because of his fisheries policy which is hurting the people of Atlantic Canada. Stop your smugness and stop your rude remarks.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order!

**Mr. Dingwall:** National Sea Products will close the North Sydney fish plant, 400 jobs; Louisbourg in Nova Scotia, 450 jobs; Lockeport, 220 jobs; Burgeo, 450 jobs; Arnolds Cove, 350 jobs; and St. John's, 450 jobs.

I urge the Government of Canada to give a directive to National Sea Products Ltd. to curtail those lay-offs until such time as all the reviews conducted by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans are within the jurisdiction of the Minister.

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**EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

## PANAMA—REQUEST FOR CANADA TO SUPPORT REMOVAL OF GENERAL NORIEGA

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, the cry for democracy in Panama is being heard throughout the world. The annulment of Sunday's election is nothing less than morally reprehensible and a violation of any notion of justice. The victory by the opposition parties was the first ray of hope for Panamanians to rid themselves of a dictatorship. It was a clear statement for democracy and self-determination. We urge the Government to support the call for General Manuel Noriega's removal from the country, and for the result of Sunday's election to be respected.

The people of Panama have chosen to rid themselves of dictatorship through the democratic process of the ballot box, and they deserve the full support of Canadians. An escalation of violence or military intervention by an outside party at this time would only aggravate the situation and prolong the rule of tyranny. We urge the Government to call in the Panamanian Ambassador and