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favour of more careful techniques, a national forest inventory and preservation of old growth forests. [Translation]

The facts are clear. The time is now for the government to listen to Canadians and move swiftly toward a sustainable future.

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#### MR. JAMES NICHOLAS

**Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland—St. Catharines—Thorold):** Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues in this House to join me in acclaiming Mr. James Nicholas of Welland, Ontario, who has brought honour to Canada by being elected as the International Secretary of the World Council for Global Co-operation. He was the principal founder of this organization that was established in Toronto in November, 1988.

Some of the world's greatest minds have lent their support to Mr. Nicholas. Eleven Nobel prize winners from ten countries now serve as directors and patrons of the World Council.

The World Council is a follow-up to *An Appeal For Peace* which was written by Mr. James Nicholas and addressed to the youth of the developed world in 1984. The appeal was endorsed by 66 Nobel Laureates from 20 countries. Mr. Nicholson presented the appeal to Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, the Secretary-General of the United Nations. Inspired by his words of commendation, the World Council was formally established. Among those present at the founding convention were members of the diplomatic corps from 17 different countries. They represented more than half of humanity.

The Prime Minister of Canada was represented by Senator Richard Doyle. To date 17 international organizations from 15 countries have affiliated themselves with the World Council.

Internationally, Mr. Nicholas' efforts have been successful because his labours have been interpreted as an important Canadian initiative for peace.

#### CHALLENGE 90

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of State (Youth) and member for Verchères just announced that students will be able to take out interest-free loans of up to \$3,000 to set up a business this summer.

This program is part of a federal initiative called "Challenge 90", sponsored jointly by the Federal Business Development Bank.

Students who are interested can obtain an application form and a copy of the guide at Canada Employment Centres, Canada Employment Centres for Students, the Federal Business Development Bank, the National Bank of Canada, in Quebec, and the Royal Bank.

Mr. Speaker, this is a popular program in this country. The number of loans and the amounts involved have increased annually since the program was set up in 1985 by Canada's Conservative members of Parliament.

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#### GLOBE 90 CONFERENCE

**Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert):** Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Globe 90 environmental trade conference being held this week in Vancouver.

This is the first time that a conference of this nature has been held. Over 600 exhibitors, leading scientists and parliamentarians are attending this conference which demonstrates the commitment that both the Canadian government and the private sector have towards the protection of the environment.

The elimination of acid rain, stricter pollution controls, cleaning up toxic wastes, tighter auto emission controls, soil conservation, recycling, as well as programs for sustaining agricultural development clearly demonstrate this government's continuing commitment to preserving this great country for generations of Canadians to come.