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The former Minister left a living legacy in British Columbia in the form of Moresby Island Park and the Pacific Rim National Park. His legacy will continue to grow when the Government keeps his commitment to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Canada and the Government of British Columbia to preserve the tallest trees in Canada, the tallest Sitka spruce in the world, to the benefit of both this and future generations.

These trees stand in a silent, pristine wilderness, cathedral-like giant pillars holding up the sky. The Government must respond to national and international calls to preserve this magnificent forest.

There is a void in our current law that makes wilderness preservation difficult, and I am therefore announcing to the House today that it is my intention to introduce in the near future a Private Member's Bill entitled the Canadian Wilderness Act. The Act, now in draft form, will assist the provinces in protecting and preserving Canada's wilderness heritage. I look forward to winning the support of all Members in all Parties in this House for the Wilderness Preservation Act during the Thirty-fourth Parliament.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

WAGES OF FEDERAL DOCKYARD WORKERS IN HALIFAX-DARTMOUTH AREA

Mr. Ron MacDonald (Dartmouth): Mr. Speaker, one of the major issues in Nova Scotia during the recent federal election campaign was the discriminatory wage rates paid by the Government of Canada to federal dockyard workers in the Halifax-Dartmouth area. Under this practice, these workers in Nova Scotia are receiving lower wages than their counterparts in British Columbia for doing exactly the same work. The only difference is the location of their place of residence. This is outright discrimination. It is no less abhorrent than wage discrimination based on race, the creed or the sex of a worker.

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While the federal Government has made a commitment to the principle of equal pay for work of equal value, it is still paying wages based solely on the region in which a worker lives. The Government cannot have it both ways, Mr. Speaker.

I call upon the federal Government to alter this policy immediately which is deeply offensive and unfair to federal dockyard workers and other federal employees in my riding. The time for action is now.

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

ELECTION OF FIRST CANADIAN MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT BORN IN GREECE

Hon. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Mr. Speaker, all of us have strong memories of our first election to this place and of our first few days here, so the extensive article this weekend in *The Toronto Star* about the new Member, the Hon. Member for Scarborough—Agin-court (Mr. Karygiannis), I am sure, had special meaning for all of us.

In addition, Sir, as I represent the riding wherein is located the Greek cultural centre I am aware of the special significance of that particular Hon. Member's election. The only flaw in the article of consequence, and I mean this with no disrespect to the Hon. Member, is that he is not the first Canadian born in Greece to be elected to this House.

I hope it is only oversight that *The Toronto Star* would fail to remind Canadians that the first Canadian elected to this House of Commons born in Greece was elected to this House in 1972 and still sits here, the Hon. Member for Bruce—Grey (Mr. Mitges).

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UNITY

TIME FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION

Mr. Ken G. Hughes (MacLeod): Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of the season I would like to extend to my colleagues my warmest sincere best wishes for the weeks ahead.

We should all reflect on the gifts which Canadians share, peace, health, goodwill, democratic and open government, and a wealth to be envied by many peoples around the world. Let us set aside our differences and be thankful for those aspects of the nation we have already built together. Let us also look forward.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), in the wake of the recent election, has suggested that this should be a