

S. O. 31

Remember, as Michael McCracken says, the cost of doing nothing is not zero.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Has the hon. member finished his debate?

Mr. Rodriguez: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being two o'clock p.m., the House will now proceed to statements by members pursuant to Standing Order 31.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

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CANADIAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION

Mr. Al Johnson (Calgary North): Mr. Speaker, March is the month of the Canadian Dietetic Association's national nutrition campaign. Its 1992 theme is "Challenge the Nutrition Myths".

The goal of this year's campaign is to help consumers sort out facts from the fictions behind common nutrition myths. During the campaign consumers will be given reliable information to assist them in making positive choices for healthy eating.

I am delighted that the healthy eating messages of the campaign are based on collaborative work initiated by the Department of National Health and Welfare to develop and implement guidelines for healthy eating.

I congratulate the Canadian Dietetic Association and its provincial and territorial associates for their work on behalf of national nutrition month.

Mr. Speaker, let us all junk junk foods.

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FISHERIES

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, today Canadian fishermen are making an important declaration on the nose of the Grand Banks. They are saying that Canada should manage all fish on the Grand Banks, no matter where they swim.

This is a courageous act, born of desperation. The fishermen know that the promise by the Government of

Canada to put fish on the table at the UN Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro next June will do little to protect the northern cod.

Global resources can no longer be managed according to artificial political boundaries.

If future generations of fishermen of all interested nations are to have a chance at earning a living off the Grand Banks, Ottawa must move swiftly to convince the international community that the fishery must be protected.

We can do it alone or we can do it jointly. This is an emergency. It calls for emergency measures. The survival of the northern cod stock and the economic survival of Atlantic Canada is at stake.

Is the Government of Canada prepared to fish or just to cut bait?

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, within nine weeks the largest ever summit will take place, bringing together more than 100 world leaders in Brazil in June to look at the planet's future, the future for the 5.4 billion inhabitants who are already here and almost double that number that will be here when my 12-year old son reaches my age.

Last Friday the Prime Minister announced that he would attend that summit and lead the Canadian delegation in dealing with a number of issues, including the one just raised by my colleague, the member for Davenport.

We should remember that as Canadians we are trustees for the largest land mass in the world, the largest coastline, the largest supply of fresh water and 10 per cent of the world's forests. We have a great deal at stake in the Earth Summit to be held shortly.

Right now, in New York, we are in the final days of negotiating a new global bargain and partnership. It will require vision, it will require courage and it will require dedication.

We trust that Canadians will support the Prime Minister and the other members of the delegation in achieving this new global pact.