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I am sure that the House appreciates that given the environment surrounding this issue, it was only prudent for the Government, provinces, industry, and for organized labour, to pursue all avenues open to resolving it. Given the political environment surrounding the issue in the United States, it was clear to all parties involved that the actions pursued were only prudent and certainly not prejudicial to our long-standing position.

If the Hon. Member still cannot see the validity of our action, I can only again refer to the preliminary determination and ask him to read it carefully this time.

I see that the time is approximately one o'clock. Perhaps I could continue after Question Period.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Minister will have 14 minutes left in his debate, plus 10 minutes for questions and comments.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock later this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[*Translation*]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION**FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Canadian craftsmen who for 50 years have set an example of professionalism of which this country should be proud.

Mr. Speaker, you probably have guessed that I want to draw the attention of the House to the fiftieth anniversary of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Fifty years of serving Canadians, in whatever capacity, is a feat that deserves to be mentioned here in this House.

When in addition to the Corporation's longevity, we consider the quality and professionalism these communications professionals have taught us to expect, I believe there is a case for drawing very special attention to this event. That is what I want to do today, and I would like all Members of this House, whatever some of my Tory colleagues may think, to join me in extending our best wishes to those Canadian men and women who have contributed to the Corporation's success for half a century.

In many ways, Canada owes its position as a world leader in communications to the CBC, which I think should get the credit for this.

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PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS**RE-ELECTION OF SOCIAL CREDIT GOVERNMENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, last Wednesday British Columbia voters made a choice of how they wish to be governed. They chose to be governed by a Premier who did not promise them the moon but has promised them an open Government, a Government which will work cooperatively, a government for the people of British Columbia and by the people of British Columbia. B.C. voters chose a Government which promised to consult the people rather than be governed by the NDP who adopted a Doomsday approach.

To Premier Vander Zalm and his colleagues we say congratulations and best wishes, as we work together for the common good of Canada and particularly of B.C. To each of the winning candidates who are part of Fraser Valley East, I should like to extend my personal congratulations. I look forward to working with them in the best interests of our constituents in British Columbia.

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EXTERNAL AID**CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, the Desmarais task force on Canada's development assistance program recommended reducing our contributions to international development organizations such as the United Nations. This is directly opposite to the Special Joint Committee on Canada's International Relations which affirmed "the Canadian tradition of treating multilateral and bilateral aid channels as complementary". Canadians do not want our development assistance program to be just a front for dumping Canadian goods on poor nations.

Instead of cutting back on multilateral funding, we should be looking at more effective vehicles for that funding, for example, the International Fund for Agricultural Development. IFAD has low administrative costs, works effectively to improve the living standards of the world's poorest people, and places special emphasis upon programs for women. We should be raising, not lowering our multilateral contributions.