

So in the coming days and weeks, we will ask the Government to assume its responsibilities and to act on this free trade issue for which 131 families have already paid the price.

Mr. Speaker, Quebecers and Canadians care about this issue and I am convinced that the Simonds example shows us how the Government intends to treat Canadian workers in future.

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### UNITED NATIONS

#### IRAN-IRAQ CEASE-FIRE—CANADIAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, the senseless war between Iran and Iraq had gone on for too long, and the world welcomes the cease-fire arranged through the auspices of the United Nations.

Canada, with its expertise in peacekeeping operations, has been asked by the United Nations to help monitor the cease-fire and re-establish peace in this beleaguered region.

Our good wishes go with the 500 Canadian troops who will be involved with this difficult and dangerous work. May their efforts be crowned with success.

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### SUPPLY AND SERVICES

#### WESTERN CANADA—FEDERAL CONTRACTS

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, for decades westerners have known that they have not received their fair share of attention from the federal Government. Whether it was regional development programs, industrial grants, CIDA contracts, or orders from Supply and Services, the West never received its fair share.

Have things improved with the Mulroney Government? No. In 1985, 6.5 per cent of federal Supply and Services spending was in British Columbia. In 1986 that figure fell to 5.3 per cent; and in 1987 Supply and Services spending plummeted to account for only 4.1 per cent of federal spending. B.C.'s share of Supply and Services contracts has fallen by 37 per cent since the Mulroney Government assumed office.

B.C. has 11.4 per cent of Canada's population, yet last year received only 4.1 per cent of Supply and Services contracts for various goods and services. This is a disgrace. It is high time that British Columbia and the West got their fair share of the federal Government's support. Westerners are not prepared any longer to accept being second-class citizens of Canada.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### GREAT LAKES—POLLUTION OF SEVERN SOUND

**Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale):** Mr. Speaker, Severn Sound, a shallow bay which is the entrance to the Trent Severn Waterway, has been classified by the International Joint Commission as one of 17 toxic hot spots on the Canadian side of the Great Lakes.

The study has found that this area, noted for its fine sports fishing, is experiencing a decline in such species as bass and pickerel. Mercury contamination has been found in large pickerel.

It is clear that this area, one of the province's best both visually and economically, is facing a crisis if action is not taken soon. Regulations must be brought forward which will control the amount of phosphates presently entering the water from boats, farms, and towns. Phosphates, like acid rain, are threatening to take away Canada's beautiful environment. I urge federal and provincial agencies to take action before it is too late.

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### TRADE

#### CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—NIAGARA GRAPE GROWERS

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, farmers in the Niagara Peninsula are literally dying on the vine while the Government does nothing about an alleged promise to buy them out on the basis of the sell-out of the free trade deal. Last week I met with grape growers in my riding and they will be forced to come to Ottawa to dump sour grapes on the desk of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) if they are going to get any action. They do not want the grape buy-out to be simply another election promise. They need action now.

There are farmers who cannot get operating loans. There are farmers who want to move into other commodities. They are unable to do so because the Government has failed again in its promise to help those grape growers who were sold out as a result of this trade deal.

There are seven seats in the Niagara Peninsula. There is not a single Conservative who will be re-elected in that area because they have not spoken out to fight for their people. They have forced the farmers on to the streets of Ottawa to fight for justice.

I urge the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) to follow through on his promise at least to provide financial compensation for the Niagara grape growers.