

members are when it comes to South Moresby. They publicly preach about the values of preservation and parks while they smugly support clear-cut logging throughout South Moresby.

This week is perhaps the last chance for the Prime Minister to bring order to this political chaos. If Bill Vander Zalm gave the Prime Minister his word and this is the highest priority of the federal Government, it is time for a call from the Prime Minister to Victoria and to those B.C. Tory MPs.

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NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK

IMPORTANCE OF TRAVEL INDUSTRY TO ECONOMY

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, "Canada grows with tourism" is the theme of Canada's First National Tourism Week which has been proclaimed from May 11 to May 17.

In making this announcement, the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism (Mr. Valcourt) has emphasized the important role played by the travel industry in the national economy. It is a \$20 billion business and creates some 600,000 jobs throughout Canada. Last year Canada welcomed over 16 million visitors, and the potential exists for rapid expansion right across the land.

Therefore, let us all become tourism ambassadors and help those in the hospitality industry to achieve even greater success in the years to come.

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THE CONSTITUTION

TRIBUTE TO LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, like the Hon. Member for Saint-Maurice (Mr. Grondin), I was unable to express my views on the constitutional question. Today, I therefore rise in my seat to congratulate the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Turner) on his position and his open attitude to Quebecers, and for having responded favourably to the legitimate claims presented by the Government of Robert Bourassa. Mr. Speaker, after he took this position and made this speech, I think Quebecers will be able to say: John Turner is one of ours, a true Quebecer and a great Canadian.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE NEGOTIATIONS—LIBERAL PARTY CRITICIZED ON ISSUE

Mr. Bob Horner (Mississauga North): Mr. Speaker, former Liberal Finance Minister, Donald Macdonald, once known as the thorniest Grit in the Rosedale garden, launched a scathing attack recently on the Liberal Party for failing to stake out a comprehensible position on free trade.

He specifically lashed out at the Liberal trade critic for whipping up anti-American sentiment with an uninformed, politically motivated campaign against free trade talks with the United States.

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In discussing the present Liberal caucus, he stated:

Some of them don't know anything, and you can't tell them anything.

In Mr. Macdonald's words:

Manitoba MP Axworthy represents the worst of both worlds. I've debated on platform with Axworthy across the country and I just don't think he's got a sound grasp of the issue and I also think he's engaged in purely political posturing.

Since the brains of the Liberal Party seem to be solidly in favour of a free trade agreement, my advice to the Liberal Caucus is get on the ball or get on the bus.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

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CANADA PENSION PLAN

INCREASED DISABILITY BENEFITS—PAYMENTS CUT AS RESULT OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS' ACTIONS

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, last year the House of Commons passed amendments to the Canada Pension Plan. One of those amendments was to increase quite substantially disability benefits for a number of Canadians who, it was recognized, have been living in abject poverty because of the low benefit structure under the CPP.

Those amendments were the product of negotiations between the federal Government and provincial Governments. The negotiations, I would assume, took place under good faith bargaining. What has happened since those amendments came into effect on January 1 of this year is that provincial Governments have been adjusting their welfare programs in order to grab those benefits that were passed by this House for disabled Canadians. As a result, I have a letter from one woman in British Columbia who, because of what provincial Governments have done, has received a net increase in disability benefits of \$4.09 a month rather than the \$152 which she would otherwise have received.