

next referendum on Quebec's independence, because today's senior citizens would have disappeared and would no longer be able to vote against the proposal. Personally, I want to join the thousands of Quebecers who respect the senior citizens who built this beautiful country called Canada, and I find it incredible that this Premier does not even think twice about the disgraceful way he is treating these people, and keeps cutting the services to which they are entitled as he has been doing for several years. A number of senior citizens in my riding have expressed their displeasure with the Premier's statement, and I hope that all senior citizens associations in Quebec will see it as their duty to write to the Premier and let him know they will have the last word in the next provincial election.

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### WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

#### GREETINGS TO SIXTH ASSEMBLY

**Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo):** Madam Speaker, one of the most significant gatherings of this decade will take place in Canada from July 24 to August 10 when the Sixth Assembly of the World Council of Churches convenes at the University of British Columbia. Nine hundred and thirty delegates from 304 member churches around the world, representing 440 million people in over 90 countries, will be affirming "life", in a world that faces life-denying forces each day. The Assembly theme, "Jesus Christ: Life of the World", has been chosen to focus prayer and discussion on justice and peace, on threats to human survival, and on violations of human dignity.

All Members of the House of Commons will want to relay their warm greetings and prayers of success to the Assembly through the 25 Canadian voting delegates, who represent the following member churches: Anglican, Disciples, Lutheran, Greek Orthodox, Presbyterian, Assyrian Catholic, Quaker and United. Four Canadian Roman Catholics have been appointed by the Vatican as official observers. Also observing will be representatives of other major faiths: Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and Buddhist. Joining the delegates will be 2,000 observers and staff. A 1,000-member international press corps, supported by live satellite transmission, will interpret the Assembly's work to the global community. The welcome decision of the CBC to carry the proceedings live on the parliamentary channel will enable Canadians to share in this sixth global ecumenical assembly.

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### SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

#### MEASURES URGED TO OVERCOME JOB DISPLACEMENT

**Mr. Peter Lang (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Treasury Board):** Madam Speaker, I rise on an issue of importance to all Canadians. We are all aware of the positive

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long-term effects of the technological revolution, particularly increased productivity and greater wealth generation. However, Madam Speaker, resistance to technological change is increasing, and will continue to increase if we do not dramatically increase our collective efforts to deal with the major negative outgrowth of the technological revolution, job displacement. For just as low inflation is a prerequisite for low interest rates and real economic growth, job security is a prerequisite for an economic environment which promotes a rapid adoption of technological advance as opposed to growing resistance.

Last week, in my riding of Kitchener, 300 workers from three textile factories, Forsythe, Arrow and Bill Klein Ltd., marched down Main Street with a message for me to take back to this House of Parliament. Their plea, Madam Speaker, was for job security.

Increased profit and production provide little solace to people who cannot look with any kind of security to their future. Promises of greater wealth and benefit cannot mitigate the fears of Canadians concerned for their jobs. We must realize that as output increases, the required manpower input does not necessarily increase—

**Madam Speaker:** Order.

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### NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD

#### OBJECTION TO APPROVAL OF PROPANE TRANSFER STATION IN FLAMBOROUGH, ONT.

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton-Wentworth):** Madam Speaker, I want to draw to the attention of the House a matter which is not only of intense local concern in the Township of Flamborough, in my riding, but is an example of what can happen when powerful federal agencies make critical decisions affecting communities without listening to the people. Ottawa's National Energy Board has approved a big propane transfer station on a stretch of Highway 6 in Flamborough, without any input from the citizens whose safety and property values will be endangered.

There are three facts which have caused strenuous objection by my constituents to the Interprovincial Pipeline Limited plan to locate a propane transfer station at Harper's Corners. First, the stretch of Highway 6 being selected is known as "the killer highway" because of scores of traffic deaths due to freaky weather conditions. Second, some 45 school buses turn on and off Highway 6 each school day. Add to that the frightening fact that at least 60 propane tanker trucks will be wheeling on and off the same killer strip 24 hours a day at the proposed location which is approved by the NEB. Third, no written communication with residents in the area, prior to Interprovincial Pipeline's application being promptly approved by the National Energy Board, is anywhere on record that the Township of Flamborough, or I, can find.