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PENSIONS

ANNUAL CANADIAN PENSION CONFERENCE

Mr. Larry Schneider (Regina—Wascana): Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to a group of Canadians who are currently attending the annual Canadian Pension Conference in Ottawa. It is noteworthy, because it is here that we see a perfect example of employees and elected officials gathered for the prime purpose of improving one of our major long-term, self help programs, that being this country's pensions.

Pensions not only provide for us beyond our normal working years, but they are a significant source of capital which is quickly making its investment strength known across Canada.

It is with a special pride that I acknowledge the presence in Ottawa from my home City of Regina of members of the pension funds of Regina Transit, City Police, General Hospital, Board of Education, Firefighters, employees and management of several civic unions, and in particular the Mayor of Regina and three councillors. It is my wish that this coming together will benefit all whom they represent.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

REQUEST TO TELEVISION OUR COMMON FUTURE

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, three weeks ago CBC decided against broadcasting live the five-hour world-wide program, *Our Common Future*.

On Saturday, June 3, the program will be made available in Canada only through City TV of Toronto on the Much Music channel. Millions of Canadians will not have the opportunity to listen to world leaders, scientists, and entertainers in the collective search for solutions to the greenhouse effect, holes in the ozone, drought, famine, flooding, and pollution.

Not only CBC, but every channel on every network should be carrying this message. The planet can only be saved by those who understand just how urgent the need for action is. If those of us who know fail to alert those who need to know, through entertaining educational productions such as this Saturday's *Our Common Future*, then we are part of the problem and the solution will be the continued extinction of species, perhaps our own.

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On Sunday, June 4, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Bouchard) plans to kick off Environment Week in Canada. I suggest that the Minister call the networks and spend the celebration money on public education.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

THE SITUATION IN WESTERN QUEBEC

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, western Québec will receive \$4.5 million from the federal Government under the new joint agri-food testing and experimentation program. The Solicitor General of Canada and Minister of State for Agriculture (Mr. Blais) made the announcement last Friday afternoon in Abitibi-Témiscamingue on behalf of the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Andre).

At the same time, the Minister, Mr. Blais, met the CRAAT and UPA together with dairy farmers.

Mr. Speaker, this is a Minister who is available, despite what some members of the provincial executive of the UPA (Québec farmers' union) say, referring to him as a part-time minister. They can rest assured that he listens to their demands and I hope that tomorrow they will not accuse me of being a part-time Member of Parliament because I have a family, I am a Knight of Columbus, 4th degree, a member of the Val d'Or Kiwanis Club, a member of the Standing Committee on Transport, a vice-president of the Québec Conservative Caucus, etc.

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[English]

FISHERIES

GREAT LAKES—CONTROL OF SEA LAMPREY

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring to the attention of the House a serious problem related to the long-term future of commercial and tourist fishing in the Great Lakes. The Government, by failing to increase funding to control the sea lamprey infestation in the Great Lakes, is endangering the viability of these multi-billion dollar industries.

Sea lamprey control in Lake Erie will be totally eliminated and control in Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, and Lake Ontario will be cut by 50 per cent. Research will be cut by 50 per cent, and the resulting impacts will be that the number of lamprey will double by the year 2000, trout and salmon will decline by 50 per cent, whitefish and chub stocks will decline, sport fishing