

To conclude, I wish to send greetings to all the Canadian men and women, members of our Armed Forces, including nine from my own riding, who fought bravely and gallantly during the Persian Gulf war.

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[English]

### SUDBURY

**Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury):** Mr. Speaker, the NDP government in Ontario recently struck a potentially devastating blow to the economic health of the Sudbury region.

Sudbury suffered badly from the effects of the recession which occurred in the early 1980s. At that time assistance from the Liberal federal government and provincial government helped the Sudbury region to diversify. The federal and provincial governments moved decision making powers and jobs to the Sudbury region to assist in the establishment of the city as the centre for government services in northeastern Ontario.

Over the last few years, the Conservative federal government has cut back its support to the diversification of Sudbury's economy through downsizing, reorganizations, and cuts of government departments and Crown corporations.

The recent decision by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources to move its regional office, and possibly as many as 40 jobs, out of Sudbury, represents a stunning reversal in provincial support for regional diversification, and when combined with the similar policies of this Conservative government, will have potentially devastating effects if continued.

It is time the governments reaffirm their commitment to diversify Sudbury's economy. They should be investing in what has been and should continue to be a shining example—

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry. The hon. member's time has expired.

### Oral Questions

#### ISRAEL

**Mr. Rey Pagtakhan (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, Israel needs Canada's help. Over 3,000 buildings, many of them residential, were destroyed by Scud missiles.

This could not have come at a worse time. Israel is trying to house 200,000 Soviet Jews. Twice this number more are expected this year.

Even as I speak they are making their way to Israel, their new homeland. But the tragedy is that the only homes awaiting them are apartments to be shared with two or three other families.

Israel is a war victim, struggling to rebuild and in need of foreign aid. United States and Europe have recognized this. But Canada, a sworn protector of Israel during the gulf war, has offered no assistance.

Why not? Israel's credit rating is impeccable and assistance from Canada would enhance our future trade relations.

I can find no ethical or economical reason why this government has remained silent and turned its back on Israel.

I urge this government to act now.

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### LUMBER INDUSTRY

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister. When the Prime Minister and the President get together over dinner tomorrow night, Canadians want to hear a little bit more than When Irish Eyes are Smiling.

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sure the hon. member would want to put her question.

**Ms. Copps:** Mr. Speaker, on the bilateral front, the 15 per cent tax this government imposed on Canadian softwood lumber exports is killing Canadian jobs and Canadian businesses. The Prime Minister promised the tax would only be temporary, but it is still there, four years later. It is a ridiculous tax to appease big U.S. lumber companies at the expense of Canadians, and everybody knows it.