

Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, in the moments remaining I would like to be identified with those who have expressed their appreciation to the hon. member for Windsor-Walkerville (Mr. MacGuigan) for the introduction of this motion. The intention of the motion is, I believe, synonymous with the direction of our times. We live in the reality of a world which thrives on interdependence. It is significant that all five goals referred to are incorporated in the character of the United Nations of which Canada is a founding member. Canada has continually sought to play its part in all aspects of the United Nations.

It is significant that the United Nations is working toward a forum not just for governments, but for parliamentarians who go back to the grassroots level and who would like to help interpret some of these global issues for the people of our world.

Along with two other members of this House it was my privilege to be part of the Canadian parliamentary delegation to the United Nations Inter-Parliamentary Union conference in Sri Lanka at the end of August. There I saw illustrated interdependence. The United Nations had brought together over 66 nations. These nations were not bound to attend because of constitutional change, although in some cases it was for that reason, but through their common covenant in the United Nations. These nations were there to look ahead into

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the 1980s and to determine how effectively development assistance funds could be used in bettering world order. As a representative of a member nation of the Commonwealth, I was reminded again of our interdependence and our mutual linkage with the Commonwealth. I was mindful that Canada—through the input of CIDA—has, without duress, been sharing in the development programs of the world.

There was one other ingredient that came home to me, and that was the role of the Canadian voluntary community in that partnership and in developments toward a world community. It is my hope that in the forthcoming review of our foreign aid policy we will have an opportunity to give expression to Canada's direction for the 1980s and that coming out of that review, to be held with representatives of all parties and of the other place, there will be a momentum created by the initiatives suggested in relation to the constitution, so that there will be represented the will of the Canadian people at all levels of government and through non-government organizations.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The hour provided for the consideration of private members' business has now expired.

It being five o'clock this House stands adjourned until Monday next at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 5 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.