

last week's award, have proven to themselves and all of Canada that co-operation beats confrontation hands down.

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## TRADE

### SUPPORT FOR CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, the export sale of commodities such as wheat, lumber, coal, uranium and potash is the backbone of the western Canadian economy. This reality is brought home each time a foreign Government adopts protectionist measures which inhibit the flow of Canadian goods.

Most recently, short-sighted American duties paralyzed the Saskatchewan potash industry. This is but one example of the damage that can be inflicted on our economy when there is no effective trade dispute settlement mechanism in place. If there exists the possibility of Canada and the United States agreeing to establish such a mechanism, if there is a way to ensure that Canadians will no longer be subject to the protectionist whims of the U.S. Congress, then the pursuit of such an agreement is worthy of a determined and committed effort on behalf of all Canadians.

I congratulate the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) on his initiative and encourage him in pursuing every possible avenue to conclude a trade agreement with the U.S. that is both free and fair.

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## AIRPORTS

### CRITICISM OF SECURITY MEASURES

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston):** Mr. Speaker, over the last three years the Conservative Government has shown a reckless disregard for the security and safety of Canadian air travellers.

On June 25, 1985, two days after the Air-India tragedy, the then Minister of Transport, now the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski), said: "Since these tragedies occurred the Government has moved quickly to ensure the security of Canadian air travellers." This week we learned from a Southam news story that airport guards missed 25 per cent of fake weapons carried through airport screening checks by federal Transport inspectors during a 15-month period. In effect this means our airports are only 75 per cent secure.

In April, 1986, again the Conservative Government of Canada announced plans to make our airports more secure. Notwithstanding those promises we find today that our airports are still not secure. Security is substandard. The Government's credibility on this issue is in tatters. Indeed, it

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appears as though it does not know who is responsible for airport security.

On June 25, 1985, the Minister of Transport said: "Ultimate responsibility for flight security rests with the carriers." A document prepared for the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) dated September, 1985, says: "Airport and airline security in Canada is the responsibility of the Minister of Transport and is governed by regulations issued under the Aeronautics Act." That says that the Government does not understand who is responsible for airport security. Is it any wonder that Canadians feel so insecure when they travel on airlines in Canada?

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

### ARCTIC PEACE ZONE—SOVIET LEADER'S APPEAL

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday's call by Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev for an Arctic zone of peace has much to recommend it and ought to be responded to by Canada. However, it is somewhat ironic that the appeal was made from Murmansk in the Kola Peninsula, one of the most heavily militarized areas in the world. This is the home base for the Delta IV and Typhoon Class Soviet submarines carrying SSN 20 and SSN 23 intercontinental nuclear missiles. These bases are of course heavily protected by naval and air defences.

If Gorbachev is really serious he could start the process by stopping the flights of AS 15 nuclear warhead-equipped Cruise missile-carrying Bear H strategic bombers over the Canadian Arctic. Canada can hardly be blamed for taking defensive measures against this blatant Soviet threat.

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## AUDITOR GENERAL

### INTERMITTENT REPORTING PROCESS ADVOCATED

**Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert):** Mr. Speaker, every Standing Committee on Public Accounts of which I have been a member for the last eight years has recommended or supported intermittent reporting by the Auditor General as well as the single annual report presently required by law. Such a change in the Auditor General Act would allow much more current reporting to Parliament and increase the accountability of government, something we all desire.

Even as we have had all-Party agreement on the proposed change, the Government has consistently refused to allow Private Members' Bills on the subject to pass. Since that channel seems blocked, I call upon the Government to achieve the desired accountability by taking action itself on this important issue.