

minutes I have left I will try to find the page and the clause involved so as to put all this in simpler terms.

Clause—

[English]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Maybe the Hon. Member will find it after one o'clock.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

#### TRADE

##### CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—EFFECT ON FISHING INDUSTRY

**Mr. George Henderson (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, the Conservative Government has called the Prime Minister's (Mr. Mulroney) trade deal a panacea for our fishing industry. The facts tell a different story. The industry did not get unfettered access to the United States, by far our most important market. The American fish lobby is alive and kicking, and our industry still faces the threat of future action under American trade remedy laws. The *status quo* remains.

The Fisheries Council of Canada says there has been no change. Some spokesmen have said the trade deal gives us enhanced *status quo*. When the dissatisfaction with the *status quo* is enough to cause this deal, then I question the merits of "enhanced *status quo*". The recent embargo on our fresh fish exports is ample proof that the trade deal has no protection.

Little wonder then that the Government is playing games with fishing groups appearing before the parliamentary committee studying the Canada-U.S. free trade deal. Yesterday, in Charlottetown, Walter Bruce, President of the Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Association, accused the Tory majority on the committee, in the absence of the final deal, of trying to manipulate organizations such as his into a position where it would appear they are in support of this free trade deal. Mr. Bruce called it "sleazy political manoeuvring". These hearings are an absolute sham, and I am sure Canadians will not be misled by such a charade.

#### S. O. 21

#### WILDLIFE

##### ALBERTA WILDERNESS ASSOCIATION—CONCERN FOR KANANASKIS MOOSE AND ELK

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, the Alberta Wilderness Association has launched a court action against the Alberta Government to stop it from keeping open this winter a section of Highway 40 south of Mount Allan. Highway 40 runs through the Highwood Pass, a wintering area for elk and moose, and has always been closed to traffic after December 1. According to Diane Pachal, Executive Director of the AWA, there are no other areas for the moose and elk to go because a substantial area of wilderness habitat has been lost through development of Kananaskis country. The traffic will scare the elk and moose away, and in addition the highway could provide access for poachers.

Wildlife should not be put at risk because of the Olympics. We urge the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) and the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport (Mr. Jelinek) to intervene and direct the Olympic Transportation Group to develop a traffic plan that will not require keeping Highway 40 open this winter through the Highwood Pass area. This is the least that must be done to protect the moose and elk of the Kananaskis.

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#### NORTHERN AFFAIRS

##### INUIT CIRCUM-POLAR CONFERENCES—POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF INUIT FROM U.S.S.R.

**Mr. Thomas Suluk (Nunatsiaq):** Mr. Speaker, much comment has been made recently regarding the demilitarization of the Arctic. Overtures made by the Soviet Union to ensure no military build-up there are commendable. However, let us remember that Canada does not now have the capability to navigate its Arctic waters, both through and under the ice, for most of the year.

I would also like to point out that there has recently been cooperation in the polar sciences as shown by the exchange of experts between the U.S.S.R. and Canada.

As well, it is my understanding that the U.S.S.R. may in future allow its Inuit to attend the Inuit Circum-Polar conferences. The Inuit of Canada, Greenland and Alaska will be pleased to hear of this, but must exercise extreme diplomacy in ensuring that they do not become involved in the fruitless ideological debate that can result from living under different political systems.