

withdrawal, whenever announced, will be conducted on a voluntary basis.

The company concerned has clearly broken the law by importing 38,000 units containing PCBs.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

TRIBUTE TO PAGE STAFF

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, late last night I had the pleasure of joining our House of Commons pages at their farewell dinner. The evening was filled with fun, laughter, and some touching moments as the pages reflected on their year working with us here in the Chamber.

These 40 outstanding individuals have come to Ottawa from every part of Canada to work as pages. They have demonstrated their exceptional abilities and eagerness in all capacities, and always responded swiftly and efficiently to our requests. They have served us in a courteous and friendly manner no matter our mood, and we have never heard them complain about any task they were asked to do. Their attention, initiative, and resourcefulness have proved invaluable to all Members of Parliament.

On behalf of the Liberal Party and every Member of Parliament of whatever Party, I would like to thank the pages for all the effort and dedication they have shown us this year. They are certainly appreciated and we are sorry to see them leave. I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavours.

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NORTHERN AFFAIRS

DANGERS POSED BY ICE-BREAKERS TO INUIT ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

Mr. Thomas Suluk (Nunatsiag): Mr. Speaker, the residents of Arctic Bay in the High Arctic are getting a raw deal in the annual resupply by ships such as the ice-breakers *Lady Franklin* and *M/V Arctic*. These ships are prematurely breaking the traditional transportation routes of the Inuit across the sea ice and jeopardizing the narwhal hunts and tourist initiatives of that community.

I call on the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Crombie) to consult with Arctic Bay and Crosbie Shippers of Montreal to seek a more equitable timetable for the annual resupply to avoid conflict with the community's traditional and economic activities.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

ELIMINATION OF REGIONAL WAGE DISPARITIES IN ATLANTIC CANADA

Mr. W. R. Bud Jardine (Northumberland—Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, federal blue-collar workers employed in Atlantic Canada will receive wage parity beginning in August, 1987. The federal Government has shown sensitivity towards general labourers and trades employees by treating them equally in each of the Atlantic provinces. The original two-zone scheme was devised more than 20 years ago to pay higher wages to workers in areas with higher costs of living. Moncton and Halifax comprised one zone, and the other comprised the remainder of the Maritimes. The two existing pay zones in the three maritime provinces will finally be incorporated into one, eliminating current wage differences. This problem, which had long been outstanding, has now been resolved.

Much has been said from time to time about the lack of attention the Government has shown to Atlantic Canada. This fair and progressive action by the federal Government demonstrates who is in support of and behind Atlantic Canada. It is indeed the Government of Canada.

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PEACE

PRESENTATION OF BOOK OF PRAYERS TO LIBRARY OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, later today I will be presenting to the Library of Parliament a beautifully produced book of sacred text and prayers prepared in May at a conference at St. Paul University here in Ottawa on the quest for peace in our day. The participants have all signed the book and are presenting it to Parliament as a token of their aim, which was to see how different religious faiths could be used as a basis to bring people together in the cause of peace.

The calligraphy is by Quinn Redekop, aged 14, the son of one of the members of the worship committee. The book contains text and prayers from 16 religious traditions, many of them non-Christian, and is a testimony to the seeking by many Canadians and other people around the world of international peace.

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SMALL BUSINESS

SASKATCHEWAN SILICA SAND PROCESSING PLANT—SOD-TURNING CEREMONY

Mr. Jack Scowen (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, on June 13, in Hudson Bay, Saskatchewan, I had the pleasure, along with the Hon. Neal Hardy and president/owner Edward Budnick, of