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I would also like to suggest that if these measures to halt the blockade are not successful then Canada should recall the Ambassador to Syria for consultation as a symbolic gesture of disapproval of that country's decision against the people of Lebanon.

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NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Alex Kindy (Calgary Northeast): Mr. Speaker, as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization celebrates today its fortieth anniversary, it is facing a new reality, changes in the Soviet Union with *glasnost*, and movement toward more freedom and democracy.

NATO has performed very successfully since its inception 40 years ago and can take credit for Europe being free of war for 45 years, but it is confronted today with a new challenge because of those new realities. There is a desire in the world today to make it a safer place to live and at the same time the need to remain vigilant and militarily strong so as to prevent another world war.

As the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) put it so eloquently: "NATO speaks for freedom. We don't have to apologize to anybody".

The Leaders in Brussels should keep this in mind during their deliberations about the question of reduction of NATO Forces in Europe.

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[Translation]

THE BUDGET

BUDGET LEAKS—MEDIA'S POSITION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, on April 27, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) could say he had the sympathy of the public and the media. The media rushed to defend the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). The Government, they said, was not directly responsible for the *Global* leak, and Michael Wilson had acted quickly and appropriately. I know the Prime Minister, the Minister of Finance and their staff are avid readers, and I will tell you what they read:

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On May 26, Raymond Giroux said in *Le Soleil*: "By falling into the duplicity trap, Mr. Wilson has caused the Canadian dollar to drop. International speculators sense that the Minister is not in control". On May 27, Alain Dubuc said in *La Presse*: "This incident has serious consequences. First of all, Mr. Wilson looks very foolish. Second, he has shown a serious lack of judgment in the way he presented the facts. Finally, he is losing credibility. A minister of Finance must be credible, frank and transparent. Mr. Wilson is not". On May 27, Paul-André Comeau said in *Le Devoir*: "As for Mr. Wilson, he should have the good grace to tender his resignation and to—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member but his time has expired.

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PHYSICAL FITNESS

CANADA FITNESS WEEK—THE CROSSING OF CANADA ON FOOT

Mrs. Monique Tardif (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Supply and Services): Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Canada's Fitweek, I would like to draw the attention of the House to what is being done at this very minute by marathon runner Phil Latulippe of Loretteville in the beautiful riding of Charlesbourg. On March 16 this year, on his 70th birthday, Mr. Latulippe announced he would be leaving on his second trip across Canada on foot, with another marathon runner, André Jean.

After leaving Vancouver on April 1, on his 6,754 kilometre trip, Mr. Latulippe expects to finish in 150 days. After 59 days, he and his partner have already left British Columbia, Alberta and a large part of Manitoba behind them, and we expect to see them in Ottawa on July 27. Why get involved in this kind of undertaking instead of enjoying a rest? The answer is simple: For fun, to collect money for his friend that will help disabled Canadians improve their fitness and to promote physical fitness among Canadians of all ages.

Canada's Fitweek is the greatest celebration of physical fitness in the world. Phil Latulippe, with his courage and determination, is a shining example of—

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