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Parliament will continue to represent them with dignity and that he will defend their interests relentlessly.

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PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

VANCOUVER—CREATION OF NEW URBAN PARK

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, I am sure my constituents in Vancouver Quadra, as well as yours in Vancouver South, and the constituents of Vancouver Centre, will be relieved and grateful that the Government of British Columbia has dedicated the University Endowment Lands as a provincial park, preserving them in perpetuity in a natural state.

This will be the largest urban park in the world at 850 hectares, twice the size of Stanley Park of which you and I have spoken, four times the size of Hyde Park in London, and the greatest preservation of land in a natural state in any modern city in the world.

I want to thank and congratulate the Premier of the province, and particularly the citizens of Vancouver who have lobbied so well and incessantly to preserve these beautiful lands for nature and for the future citizens of British Columbia.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, December 10, marked the fortieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an occasion commemorated by organizations and individuals around the world. Having just resigned as a Commissioner of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission in order to take my seat in this Chamber, I take great pleasure in bringing this important occasion to the attention of the House.

Recognition of and respect for human rights are the foundation stones upon which our democratic government is based.

Together with our human rights legislation and the principles enshrined in the Canadian Multiculturalism Act, the Universal Declaration stands as a model for appropriate relationships amongst individuals and the peoples of the world. It will continue to be a source of inspiration for national and international efforts to protect human rights and fundamental freedoms now and in the future.

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THE PRIME MINISTER

RE-ELECTION

Mr. Fernand Jourdenais (La Prairie): Mr. Speaker, for the first time in over a century a Prime Minister has been re-elected with a commanding majority. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

Mr. Speaker, the Right Hon. Brian Mulroney, one of whose Members I am proud to be, is the politician who did and will continue to steer the ship of state with firmness.

Our future looks promising thanks to the appropriate policies of this Conservative Government.

On behalf of the people of La Prairie and of my colleagues in the House I should like to express to him and to his family my heartfelt sentiments of affection and pride for this extraordinary achievement.

Once again, Mr. Prime Minister, sincere congratulations!

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CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, the Government is fond of saying that the people “spoke” in the last election. Millions of Canadians have expressed serious concerns with the free trade deal. Grain farmers in Saskatchewan are particularly concerned with the lack of protection for the Canadian Wheat Board under the terms of the Free Trade Agreement.