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An Hon. Member: How many times are you out there?

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): I am out there every three or four weeks representing the riding of Vancouver Quadra.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): I invite the Prime Minister, through you, Mr. Speaker, and if any of the 19 trained seals here from British Columbia can get his ear at the next caucus meeting, they can tell him that I invite him out to British Columbia to look at the food banks, the unemployment ranks, our native people on the streets looking for jobs, and the lost hope. I invite him to look into the eyes of our young people. I would like to show him around and let him see the concern of the people of British Columbia.

When I graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1949, there were Chamber of Commerce billboards saying, "Business is moving to B.C. We have men to match our mountains". It was not, in those days, a question of whether or not we were going to get a job; it was a question of what job we were going to choose. That is not the situation today. The unemployment rate in the Province of British Columbia, particularly for our young people, is acute. I agree on one particular point with the Hon. Member who introduced this motion, that is, that the potential is there. It is still an unlimited frontier. Now is the time to expand, not to retrench in British Columbia. It is the time to raise the horizons of the province, not to lower them. It is the time to restore the hopes of our young people, not to dash them. I look to the future, and within the scope of the motion put by the Hon. Member, I hope he can avoid the quarrels which have paralyzed that province for almost a generation. Let us give up the old fights and get away from what I see as a punch drunk boxing posture. Let us get on to something positive.

Mr. Schellenberg: Mr. Speaker, I have a comment and then a question. I certainly enjoyed the comments of the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner). Although he got swallowed up in negativity toward the end, he was somewhat positive as he began, especially when he talked about Expo '86. As one of the 19 Members from British Columbia who worked quietly behind the scenes to help to make that ERDA agreement work—which, by the way, is five times what the previous Liberal Government ever came up with in my province—I do take exception to his comment about seals. If it comes to a decision between acting the way his gang of four act as they sit behind him every day in the House of Commons, and acting quietly behind the scenes in the way we act, I will choose the latter every time.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Schellenberg: As you know, Mr. Speaker, I am a new Member of Parliament. I have been listening for some time now and I am learning about procedure in the House of Commons. I am doing my best to learn as much as I can. I do recall on several occasions, during Question Period in particular, the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party demand-

ing that major announcements be made in the House of Commons. Our Minister has done just that. I wonder if the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition would not comment and perhaps compliment our Minister on making that ERDA announcement right here where it belongs.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): I wish I could, Mr. Speaker. He made an announcement as to the funding, which is \$525 million, but it is \$125 million less than the Province of British Columbia expected.

Mr. Siddon: How much did the Liberals offer, John?

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): That is all he did. There are no underlying agreements signed. The forestry and fishery agreements still have to be signed. The tourism agreement has to be signed. So it is a bit of a camouflage we have here today.

What really annoyed me, Mr. Speaker, in response to the Hon. Member—and it is a very good question, yes, the major announcement should be made in the House, and this is one of the few which has been made in the House—however, I will not forgive that Minister's staff for misleading me this morning as to whether or not an announcement was going to be made.

Mr. Stevens: He was waiting for you outside.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): And I want an apology from the Minister. I want an apology from someone.

● (1640)

Mrs. Collins: Mr. Speaker, I think—

Mr. Nunziata: Another stranger in the House.

Mrs. Collins: I am here all the time.

Mr. Nunziata: Who goes there?

Mr. McDermid: Don't listen to Nunziata.

Mrs. Collins: I would like to make a comment and then ask a question. First, I resent some of the comments the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) has made about the members of our Party from British Columbia. I may have been called a lot of things in my time, but I do not think I have ever been called invisible.

Mr. McDermid: He is nodding his head in agreement.

Mrs. Collins: I think he would agree, especially if he recalls last summer when we were on opposite sides of the bridge. I am also very disappointed because I would have thought that even he would have conceded that May 15 is a red letter day for British Columbia. Because of the work, the very hard work of members of the B.C. caucus in the Conservative Party, we have a signed agreement, an agreement which is, as my colleague said, five times greater than any agreement ever reached before.