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## EMPLOYMENT

## CLOSURE OF GLACE BAY, N.S., FISH PLANT—EFFECT ON WORKERS

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, a group of people from Glace Bay who work for Highland Fisheries recently occupied the offices of the Premier of Nova Scotia. They occupied those offices because they are worried about their jobs, and no one will give them a straight answer.

Clearwater Fine Foods, which owns the plant, closed it on June 21. It said at the time that the move was necessary because it did not have enough quota. The federal Fisheries Minister went to Glace Bay to meet with union and community officials. He told them he would meet with the President of Clearwater Foods, John Risley, and that he would try to get the plant opened by August 1. The Fisheries Minister also said repeatedly in the House of Commons that Clearwater had plenty of quota.

August 1 has come and gone and the plant is still closed. John Risley is still saying that Clearwater does not have quota. He even said that present groundfish management plans have clouded the future of the plant.

The people of Glace Bay want to meet with John Risley and the Fisheries Minister at the same time. They want some straight answers, and they want their jobs. Glace Bay has already lost important jobs in the mines and heavy water plants. People deserve some straight answers from their last major employer, Highland Fisheries.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

## NORTHUMBERLAND STRAIT—DUMPING OF PULP MILL WASTES

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, every day the Scott Maritimes Limited Pulp and Paper Mill in Pictou County dumps millions of gallons of waste into Boat Harbour in Northumberland Strait. The wastes are only treated mechanically before being discharged. The result is that waters in Boat Harbour have been virtually deprived of oxygen and are contaminated by polluting by-products of pulp and paper production. The Canso Chemicals Chlor-Alkali Plant, operated by C.I.L., Scott and Domtar, is a source of mercury pollution here too.

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During the past 22 years 12 studies have been conducted by the federal and provincial Governments, but no action has been taken to stop the pollution. The people of Pictou County do not want any more studies or tests; they now want action.

We urge the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) and the Minister of Fisheries and Ocean (Mr. Siddon) to use Section 33 of the Fisheries Act and prosecute Scott Maritimes

Limited whenever a violation occurs. The Government must start to practise what it preaches.

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## NATIONAL PARKS

## PRINCE ALBERT NATIONAL PARK—WILDER FAMILY DONATION

**Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East):** Mr. Speaker, last week I had the pleasure of representing the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) at the Prince Albert National Park to unveil a plaque to honour the Wilder family from Washington State.

The park preserves the memory of one of Canada's most famous conservationists—Grey Owl. Recently Edwin and Margery Wilder bequeathed to the Prince Albert National Park real estate valued at more than a half a million dollars, the largest donation ever made by private citizens to a Canadian national park.

This money will be used to maintain and preserve the Grey Owl wilderness area in perpetuity, thereby ensuring that the Grey Owl legacy continues to enrich future generations.

I am hopeful that more citizens will follow this example and join in the preservation of Canada's natural resources by supporting our national parks.

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## FINANCE

## PROPOSED NATIONAL SALES TAX

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) has not made it clear to the people of Canada that after the next general election he plans to introduce a national sales tax, probably something in the 15 per cent range, so that after the next election, when people go out and buy school supplies, they will be paying this new federal sales tax; when they buy their children's toys, they will be paying the new federal sales tax; when they buy their kid's bike, they will be paying the federal sales tax; when they go out to a restaurant, they will be paying a tax on the restaurant meal; when they buy hockey tickets, they will be paying this new federal sales tax.

They will be paying a new federal sales tax every time they buy a new home or pay for home repairs. When they go bowling, they will pay the new federal sales tax; when they have their hair done, they will pay the new federal sales tax; when they go to a movie, they will pay this new federal sales tax; when they pay their child care, they will pay this new federal sales tax.

**Ms. Copps:** Isn't anything free?