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We have had promises from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. I must admit that I am not sure which minister made a statement about those abandoned Distant Early Warning sites, but the minister said that they would be cleaned up. I do not want to give credit to the wrong minister. It was either the Minister of the Environment or the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development who said: "We will clean these sites up until only our footprints are left". I am waiting to see that happen. So far nothing has happened in that regard. Unfortunately there has been a change of ministers in one department so we will wait.

I would like to carry on a little further concerning the issue of how environmentally cautious we are in the north. The Inuit Circumpolar Conference, which is the international arm of the Inuit, received a Global 500 Award from the United Nations Environmental Program for: "Outstanding achievements, protection and improvement of the environment".

The work of the Inuit Circumpolar Conference was cited as an example of the world conservation strategy in action. I would hope that measures are taken to clean up the sites that my hon. colleague mentioned, and that

they will be taken soon. This will give us our beautiful land back to its natural state, once it has been used as a Distant Early Warning site or by any other group.

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, I must say that I am delighted to have an opportunity this afternoon to speak to this motion. It has been some time since we read the motion. Perhaps it would be worth while to take a moment or two to read what the motion is all about. It states:

That this House condemn the government for its lack of sincere commitment to the environment and for its vacuous discussion paper which completely fails to offer the—

**Mr. Hawkes:** I rise on a point of order, Mr. Speaker. I do not believe I see a quorum.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I do not either. Call in the members.

*And the bells having rung:*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I will ask the Deputy Clerk to count the members present.

And there being only 13 members present including the Acting Speaker, the names were taken down and the House adjourned at 4.45 p.m.