

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, October 9, 1991

The House met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

PHILLIPS CABLES

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): The workers at Phillips Cables in Brockville, Ontario have recently agreed to an unheard of four year wage freeze, that is zero, zero, zero and zero as well as other wage concessions.

Mr. Speaker, these major and very generous concessions by the workers of Phillips Cables are being offered to give the employers options as they try to compete in today's world market. These actions will result in far less disposable income for the workers of Phillips Cables for several years to come. As President Brian McDougall of Local 510 of the Communication and Electrical Workers of Canada has said, "the ball is in the company's court now".

It is hoped that when the company is considering its plans for the future of Phillips Cables in Brockville, it will take into account and remember the loyal and generous workforce that has made a tremendous sacrifice in their acceptance of a four year wage freeze in order that the plant may remain open in Brockville.

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PERSONS CASE

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, I offer very warm congratulations to Dr. Ursula Franklin, a recipient of the 1991 Governor General's Award in commemoration of the Persons case.

A distinguished scientist, teacher, the first tenured female professor at the University of Toronto and a

well-known public speaker, Dr. Franklin has been a tremendous source of inspiration for women across Canada in the fields of science, technology and education.

She has devoted much of her time to promoting the interests of women in academia and to encouraging young women to consider non-traditional careers. Like the famous five Alberta women who fought to have women considered as persons under the British North America Act, Dr. Franklin is an outstanding role model for young women.

I ask my hon. colleagues to join me in showing appreciation of Dr. Franklin's many achievements. She is a person who has made a difference.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I join in the congratulations to Dr. Ursula Franklin and note that Dr. Franklin has a reputation as one being vigorously opposed to nuclear energy in this country.

My concern is about another scientist, a Dr. Rudd, who works with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. We saw reported on the news last night that he is being stifled by this government, by his department, in bringing to the attention of the public certain things which he has found out with respect to the effect of massive flooding on the production of greenhouse gases.

I would ask the government to instruct the department to permit Dr. Rudd to make this kind of information available. It will be too late if it waits, as has been suggested, for two or three years for this information to become complete. By that time we would well be in to the development stage of the Great Whale project which is something I think all Canadians are very concerned about and have come to be very sceptical about.

It is time for us to re-think our commitment to massive flooding of northern Canada as a way to solve our export and/or our energy problem.