

men and 5 per cent women. In forestry and logging there are 94 per cent men and 6 per cent women. There again we see a tremendous discrepancy which we must correct. I will conclude my remarks at three o'clock.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Before I call it one o'clock, I note that the Hon. Member will have 14 minutes remaining to speak plus the question and comments to follow when debate on the eighth allotted day begins at three o'clock.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock p.m. this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

EMPLOYMENT

DESBIENS (QUEBEC) FILE

Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity today to pay tribute to people of a Quebec town called Desbiens. Those people, who for four years have been working to alert public authorities and the private sector to the problems they have been facing since the St-Raymond Paper Mill closed, finally reached their goal Sunday last, and I feel that tribute should be paid to all those who were involved, whether they were members of the Municipal council, people from the labour union or company officials because they finally succeeded, after four years of hard work as I said, in bringing matters to a conclusion that will create some 100 jobs in their community.

Tribute should also be paid to the various participants at the regional economic summit where the Desbiens matter was selected as a priority, and I must pay tribute especially to my former colleague, Mrs. Suzanne Beauchamp-Niquet, and also to the present Member for Roberval (Mr. Bouchard) for the work he has done on that matter. In my view, that success was achieved by every one of those who were involved in the matter over the past four years. Finally, success came yesterday, and I think that right in the middle of the landlocked salmon festival, people in Desbiens certainly got the biggest fish they could ever hope for, and this time they really landed it. I am very happy with their hard work and I hope that this will be an inspiration to many others.

[English]

S.O. 21

SPACE WEAPONRY

OPPOSITION TO UNITED STATES STRATEGIC DEFENCE INITIATIVE

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, later today I will table a petition on behalf of a number of petitioners, including McMaster University President Alvin Lee, and over 600 other professors, graduate students, and support staff of that university. The petition strongly opposes Canadian participation in research and development for the United States Strategic Defence Initiative, known as star wars.

They cite in the petition the destabilizing and escalating nature of the star wars scenario, and the fact that it would violate the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty between the superpowers. McMaster University members have called upon the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to refuse the President's invitation to become involved.

Members of the McMaster community may be asked to help research and develop the controversial space weapons plan. Science and engineering professors at the university were the first to sign the petition rejecting Canadian involvement, despite the fact that they themselves would be among the first to benefit. They have suggested that even if the Government should choose to ignore calls to dissociate itself from the star wars program, the 650 McMaster faculty members and students who signed the petition will refuse to co-operate in any research or development the Government might request. That is putting your money where your mouth is.

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THE FORMER ADMINISTRATION

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo-Alberni): Mr. Speaker, I have just returned from my riding in western Canada where some of our constituents questioned the propriety of those media darlings, the Rat Pack. They have a different name for the rodents. They call them the Gang of Four, four rascals from the Liberal backbenches who are showing up the thinly populated ranks in the front. I must say that many of my constituents were not impressed by the Gang of Four's sanctimonious attitude toward our new Government, especially their new PAW, or Patronage of the Week award.

Western Canada is proud to be truly represented in the new Government of Canada. We remember what the Liberal Government did not do for us. We will never forget those "wilderness years" when the only elected representation the four western provinces had in the federal Cabinet was the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy), a man who, I am certain, never knew the meaning of the word "patronage".

But, Mr. Speaker, they say the best way to fight fire is with fire. So, to counter the infamous PAW award, it gives me great pleasure to present the first Schellenberg SOW award—