

contradiction, that Shelburne County, Nova Scotia is the lobster capital of Canada.

Furthermore, I would like to bring to the attention of Parliament and all Canadians and issue an invitation to all to attend the Third Annual Shelburne County Lobster Festival to be held this weekend, June 9 to June 12 in the Lobster Capital of Canada, Shelburne County, Nova Scotia.

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FORESTRY

EXPIRY OF FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENTS

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, forest resource development agreements between the federal Government and six provinces expired on March 31. Yesterday, at the signing of the Constitution of the Canadian Woodlot Owners Federation, the president of the organization said that the lack of new agreements is wreaking havoc on planning by woodlot owners and other producers in the forest sector. He went on to say that further delays will be disastrous.

Recent Budget cuts clearly indicate that this Government is prepared to sacrifice the future of the forest industry. The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) will be in B.C. this week to address a Conservative Party fund-raising dinner. In light of the Minister of Forests failure to deliver forestry agreements, the Prime Minister should make a commitment to British Columbia and this country to fund forest agreements.

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TRANSPORTATION

DEVELOPMENT OF PORT OF CHURCHILL

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre): Mr. Speaker, the situation is desperate at the Port of Churchill in northern Manitoba.

After signing a \$90 million agreement just four years ago to rebuild the port, the present Conservative Government has allowed the Canadian Wheat Board and CN to renege on their commitments. Just two weeks ago, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Bouchard) confirmed that no grain shipments will be made through the port this year. Rather than look for alternate and creative ways of

utilizing the port, the Government has preferred to ignore the problem.

I would like to draw the attention of the House to an innovative proposal which has been put forward by the Member from Niakwa in the Manitoba legislature. He has introduced a private members' resolution recommending that the federal Government designate Churchill as the port for federal commodity and foreign aid purposes. Rather than losing Churchill to further neglect, the federal Government could give this new mandate to ship all foreign food in through the port of Churchill and thereby provide aid for the countries of Africa, and to provide major stimulus and economic health for a port in our own country.

I applaud and support this creative initiative. I recommend it to the federal Government as a way of dealing with an important port in an important province.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT WEEK

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Mr. Speaker, last weekend I worked with a number of citizens in communities in my riding, Bolton and Burlington, doing something for the environment.

We did not have a meeting. We did not talk. We did not prepare a report or pass any resolution. Instead, we got our hands and our boots dirty, scouring ditches for litter and pulling old car parts from a creek.

There were not as many people out helping as I had hoped, but I think this tells us something valuable. This is Environment Week. It comes at a time when our public opinion polls show that environmental concerns are of the utmost importance to average Canadians. It is still easier to talk about the environment than to do something about it. My weekend experiences certainly reinforced that.

It is time for a change in attitudes. It is time to recognize that we all have an activist role to play when it comes to ensuring that future generations of Canadians have a clean world to inherit from us.

In our everyday lives, we have choices about buying groceries with excessive packaging, about the disposal of paint cans and batteries, about whether we substitute natural substances for harmful household cleaners, and about conserving our water and making sure we drive in a way that does not create air pollution. Protecting the