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Until now, women, the disabled, minorities, the native people and youth were looked upon as an integral part of Canadian society. By relegating the Minister of State for Youth to Employment and Immigration, youth is dropped from the Canadian scene. In essence the Government says: "You are no longer a partner in Canadian society. You, whether native, multicultural or otherwise, have no place at the national table and we decide, not you."

In the Liberal Party we reject vigorously this ill-considered decision by the Tory Government and we will do what is in our power to ensure that youth regain their strong voice and role in Canadian society.

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[Translation]

## CANADIAN CULTURE

## TRIBUTE TO ABBÉ MAURICE PROULX

**Mr. André Plourde (Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup):** Mr. Speaker, I, and with me all the people of the riding of Kamouraska—Rivière-du-Loup, all Quebecers and all Canadians, wish to pay tribute to a man who has made an unprecedented contribution to the history of film in Quebec. From the Depression years to the Quiet Revolution, he produced and made an impressive number of films.

Father Maurice Proulx, a pioneer in the art of cinematography, was among the founders of one of our greatest Canadian cultural institutions, the National Film Board.

In recognition of the admirable work done by this resident of La Pocatière, yesterday, Father Maurice Proulx was made a Member of the Order of Canada.

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## FORESTRY

## LOSS OF JOBS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Mr. Ray Skelly (Comox—Powell River):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the fact that both the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew) participated in the National Forest Congress which is concluding today in Ottawa, I would like to bring to the attention of the House the plight of forestry workers in Canada, particularly in British Columbia. Some 26,000 people have lost their jobs in the forest industry in B.C., 16,000 of them members of the IWA. Of those, 5,500 are older workers whose pensions are threatened because their lay-offs have extended beyond two years. I call on the Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight), the Minister of State for Forestry, the Minister of Employment

and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) and the Prime Minister to help immediately develop a labour adjustment program for these disadvantaged older workers.

Given the Government's failure to introduce a national forest policy, it must now take measures to introduce a National Forest Act, a Department of Forests, and a full Minister of Forests in order to bring the industry into the prominence it should occupy in our country.

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## THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

## OPENING OF THE WALTER DINSDALE DISABILITY INFORMATION SERVICE IN CALGARY

**Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris):** Mr. Speaker, the number of services available to the physically disabled in our communities is growing, but many people have trouble finding out about these resources. Today in Calgary the Secretary of State has opened a centre which will keep track of all the information and services available to physically handicapped persons, their organizations, and rehabilitation professionals across the country. The federal Government is giving \$720,000 to the University of Calgary over the next two years to develop and operate the centre.

I am particularly delighted that the Disability Information Service Centre is to be named after my predecessor, the late Hon. Walter Dinsdale. Periodically, individuals make an outstanding commitment to a cause. The Hon. Walter Dinsdale was such a person. He devoted a lifetime of work to increasing the awareness of all Canadians of the specific problems encountered by the physically disabled. He worked to make life easier for those who were so disadvantaged. Therefore it is exceedingly appropriate that this Centre be named in his honour.

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## SHIPBUILDING

## OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED OFFSHORE PURCHASES

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, why is the Government more concerned with creating jobs in foreign countries than in Canadian shipyards? Canadian shipbuilders will see their jobs either gone or about to disappear. They are outraged with the latest insult to their industry by the Associate Minister of National Defence (Mr. Andre). On April 4 in Halifax the Minister told a news conference that "I am still entertaining the possibility" of buying up to \$100 million worth of foreign vessels for the naval reserve and auxiliary fleet.