

S. O. 21

## AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

## HERBICIDES

## BAN ON USE OF 2,4-D ADVOCATED

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, the pesticide 2,4-D prompted two studies in the United States, each suggesting that there is a link between a form of lymphatic cancer and this common weed killer. A recent Canadian study has shown that the frequency of this type of cancer and the number of deaths it causes have doubled, claiming 1,500 lives in 1986. Yet most other types of cancer have been declining in Canada.

Because the effects of 2,4-D occur over a long time, it is unlikely that we can accurately determine how many Canadians are at risk today. But evidence is mounting that the pesticide 2,4-D is a threat to public health. The Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp), who has a clear responsibility to protect the health of Canadians, must fulfil his mandate and ask the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) to suspend the use of 2,4-D in Canada until we know for certain that public health is not threatened.

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## NATIVE PEOPLES

NEEDS OF SASKATCHEWAN INDIAN AND MÉTIS SENIOR  
CITIZENS

**Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East):** Mr. Speaker, Saskatchewan has the second highest proportion of its residents which are of native ancestry. Unfortunately, as a recent study points out, Indian and Métis elderly are experiencing a great deal of hardship in obtaining quality housing. There are problems with inadequate sanitation and other amenities which seniors require on a day-to-day basis. This situation will require that the needs and concerns of the Métis and Indian elderly are dealt with urgently.

These are only several examples of the problems facing Indians and Métis senior citizens. It is apparent that CMHC and Indian Affairs must respond to improve the quality of housing and social services that are made available to this group of Canadians.

## FISHERIES

## BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON FISHERY

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, the present Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) has managed to enrage commercial fishermen, native fishermen, sports fishermen, community groups and even the general public in British Columbia.

The fisheries resource—in particular salmon—is highly prized for food as a source of income and for recreation. The Minister does nothing when his friend, Bob Wright, publishes false and misleading ads in the *Vancouver Sun*, encouraging people to come to the Queen Charlottes for “unlimited salmon fishing”. The Minister in fact supports this by suggesting that when the commercial sports catch increases, there will be a reduction in the quota for the commercial troll fleet, and obviously further closures for native and sport fisheries.

At a time when there needs to be a serious and clear-headed approach to negotiating and settling the issue of aboriginal rights to fish, the Minister supports litigation to halt all negotiations.

At a time when there needs to be a serious development of user group watershed management boards, to assist in developing plans to protect our endangered runs, the Minister doles \$6 million to study why pollution is killing the belugas in the St. Lawrence but does nothing to stop the pollution or to protect our B.C. salmon and steelhead. Canada needs a Minister of Fisheries and Oceans who finds solutions, not one who creates problems.

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[Translation]

## FREE TRADE

## LOSS OF NUMEROUS JOBS IN GRANBY

**Hon. Jean Lapierre (Shefford):** Mr. Speaker, I am sorry to report to this House today that 131 people have already lost from free trade. Last Friday, Mr. Speaker, the Simonds Company of Granby announced that it was laying off 131 workers and told the local press that it was moving all its operations back to the United States in order to serve the North American market from its base in Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, Simonds has just given the people of Granby, Quebec and Canada a bitter foretaste of free trade. And unfortunately, at this time, there is no adjustment or early retirement program for these workers, who are already in their fifties, and even if Canadian interests wanted to take back this factory, there is no industry adjustment program for businesses.