

Tributes

I understand what the hon. member is concerned about. She wants naturally to protect the fishermen in her own area. But to get the full answer for the hon. member, I will have to check with the department. She does not need to fear. No one is going to discriminate against Scotia-Fundy. We act equally and fairly with respect to all areas in the fishery.

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CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg—St. James): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister speaking for agriculture today. It has to do with the study and possible removal of barley from the jurisdiction of the Canadian Wheat Board.

Now we know that the minister responsible for grains does not like the Canadian Wheat Board. We also know that he is a great fan of the multinationals which would love to undermine the Canadian Wheat Board. But the fact of the matter is that not one major farm organization in Canada supports this kind of move, not the CFA, not Prairie Pools and not even the Canadian Wheat Board. In fact the chairman of the Canadian Wheat Board has said this: "This continental barley market is like wanting to be married and single at the same time".

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member is making a very strong case. I would like him to put his question.

Mr. Harvard: Mr. Speaker, all I want to know is where does this nonsense come from? How would he support this kind of study?

[*Translation*]

Hon. Pierre Blais (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and Minister of State (Agriculture)): Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of State for Grains and Oilseeds, are in Toronto consulting our provincial colleagues on the future of the Canadian farm industry. They are working very hard on these issues.

I will report the hon. member's comments to my colleague, the Minister of State for Grains and Oilseeds, and see if they can be useful.

CANADA LABOUR CODE

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the minister of Labour.

For months now, a number of Canadian women have been waiting for the federal government to include the protective reassignment of working women in the Canada Labour Code.

Can the minister describe the progress made towards the protective reassignment of pregnant women in the federal Public Service?

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, I want to assure my colleague from Abitibi that the cabinet has in fact approved the bill on that issue, which I intend to table very soon. The bill will bring several amendments to Part III of the Canada Labour Code, including provisions concerning the reassignment of pregnant women.

I want to congratulate the hon. member for his work on that issue. I am sure women in his riding will vote for him in the next election.

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[*English*]

THE LATE PAUL MCRAE

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, thank you for this privilege this afternoon to be able to make some remarks in memory of a great citizen of northern Ontario, one of our finest citizens and a respected—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has risen to pay tribute to a former member of this House. I am sure that perhaps some members did not realize the occasion that we are now in. I am sure that for the remainder the hon. member will have the attention of the House.

Mr. Comuzzi: Thank you Mr. Speaker for intervening on this matter. I would like to rise to make some comments today about a former parliamentarian, Paul McRae, who passed away recently in Ottawa.

Prior to Mr. McRae's election to this House, he served with distinction as an educator in Thunder Bay and retired as a high school principal. I believe Sir Winston Churchill was the school he last was a principal at. He succeeded a very fine parliamentarian in his own right, the late Mr. Hubert Badanai, who served in this House