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Olympic and world champions. What an evening of pride and accomplishment. It was a night of nostalgia as we saw replays of Gaetan Boucher in Sarajevo, and Alex Baumann in Los Angeles. Jack Donohue, our men's basketball coach, warmed up the audience with his usual style of humour and grace, followed by our former Governor General, Roland Michener, who underlined the importance of fitness and good health which comes with sport participation.

[Translation]

The remarkable individual and collective success achieved by young Canadians during the 1984 Olympics and this year's world championships attest to our vigour and determination as a nation.

I congratulate all those who received prizes awarded by the media—retired athletes, coaches, our champions, and Shawn O'Sullivan who proved to be a winner when he accepted a prize for great distinction.

[English]

I also salute Canada's Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport (Mr. Jelinek) and his staff for a world class performance in saying "Thank you"

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## THE ADMINISTRATION

### GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa-Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, I am honoured today to present the Patronage Award of the Week, the PAW award. A lot of people have worked very hard in the past with the hope of some day obtaining their reward at the trough. To those who have not yet been nominated, I say keep on oinking.

The candidates for this week's PAW award are Mr. Bud Sherman for his defence of the bilingualism issues; Mr. Jack McNie, former Ontario Tory Minister, now chairman of the R.T. Kelly advertising agency in Hamilton, for the contract on previously advertised material; Camp Associates Advertising Ltd., who need no further introduction, for their \$30 million advertising contract. May I have the envelope please? And the winner is Mr. Bud Sherman.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

[Translation]

**Mr. Gauthier:** Mr. Sherman therefore is the winner of the PAW award of the week. Mr. Sherman receives a sweater of the French Canadian Association of Ontario which he hopefully will wear in the course of his duties with the CRTC as a reminder that we are a bilingual country.

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### QUEBEC STEEL INDUSTRY—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, Canada's largest steel industry, Stelco, with head office in Toronto, is apparently planning to close three of its Quebec plants with the result that some 550 employees might be permanently laid off.

Worldwide overproduction threatens the steel industry throughout Canada, Mr. Speaker, and that applies to Sidbec as well.

Therefore Stelco is making radical changes which, unfortunately, will entail closure of some of its plants, including three in Quebec. This is a regrettable and unfortunate situation, and we are convinced that other alternatives must surely exist.

Will the Government of Canada let Quebec's steel industry worsen without reacting, without offering assistance? It did help Domtar, so why not do the same thing in this case? The Government is open, too much so to foreign investors, but it is not doing anything to prevent Canadian companies from giving up, closing shop and laying off hundreds of workers. Is that the Government's new economic development policy for the country?

Mr. Speaker, I dare hope that officials of the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion have been in touch with Stelco management in their quest for a solution which would be more helpful to Stelco workers and the Quebec economy.

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[English]

## THE FORMER ADMINISTRATION

### GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

**Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, frankly we are a little surprised at the presentation of another PAW award this morning, right after our first SOW award on Monday pointed out that the pot is indeed calling the kettle black. I draw your attention, Mr. Speaker, to the official Tory rat catcher on my desk. It is a blue rat trap, with a red rat.

This leaves us no alternative but to ask once again for the envelope, please.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, the survivor of the week... which in French could be: la truie.

[English]

This week it is—

[Translation]

—the former Member of Parliament and Minister of the liberal Cabinet—