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Equally important is the role that the new Western Diversification Agency will play in ensuring that the interests of western Canada are clearly represented in the development of national economic policies and programs.

As a Member of Parliament from British Columbia I look forward to working with the new Minister responsible for western diversification to promote economic prosperity for British Columbia and all western Canada.

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PENITENTIARIES

CONDITIONS IN STONY MOUNTAIN PENITENTIARY

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, since March I have been in correspondence with the Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher) about conditions at Stony Mountain Penitentiary, and so far the Minister has been unwilling to change policies that are endangering the lives of guards and inmates. I have recently met with constituents of mine who work there, and I am convinced that unless action is taken we may well have another incident like the one in July, 1984, which led to the deaths of two guards.

The policies which most need review are, first, the contracting out of health care services, teaching services, and construction or repair jobs; second, reductions in post standards and security staff; and, third, the closing of the segregation unit and consequent mixing of inmates who should not be put together. This latter policy is all part of what is called management by risk. The only problem is that all the risk is borne by line staff, not by management.

At the management level, all that is happening due to reorganization is that more management positions are being created, while the burden and the stress on those who actually work with inmates are being increased.

What is happening in Stony Mountain is happening elsewhere in Canada, in Prince Albert for example, and the Minister should wake up before it is too late. The risk may not be his, but the responsibility will be. He and his officials have been warned by CSC employees. He has now been warned in Parliament. We hope that he will take heed, and soon, before an explosive situation is detonated.

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TRADE

IMPORTANCE OF MANITOBA'S EXPORTS TO UNITED STATES

Mr. George Minaker (Winnipeg—St. James): Mr. Speaker, in 1986 Manitoba exported \$1.7 billion worth of goods, of which 82 per cent or \$1.4 billion went to the United States. In

the face of growing American protectionism, Manitoba needs to maintain and improve its access to the U.S. market.

Manitoba is five times more export oriented in manufacturing than any other prairie province. The province accounts for one-half of Canada's exports of agricultural machinery with 90 per cent going to the U.S., a third of bus and bus chassis, a quarter of outerwear clothing, and approximately 10 per cent of aerospace exports.

The bilateral discussions with the United States on a comprehensive trade agreement are vital to the economic future of our province. Events have shown that the *status quo* is not acceptable to either Canada or Manitoba.

New rules to guide trading practices between Canada and the U.S.A. will provide the security of access and the potential for trade expansion to enable Manitoba to develop its manufacturing base and invest further in its natural resources.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

OPPOSITION TO USE OF LAND AS SITE FOR GARBAGE INCINERATOR

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, last night some 500 people protested the proposal to build a garbage incinerator at Walkley Road and Russell Road in Ottawa.

I want to take this opportunity to express my disagreement with any plan which could result in the using of National Capital Commission land to be turned from the Greenbelt into a garbage belt. It is the responsibility of the NCC to protect and maintain the Greenbelt surrounding the National Capital.

We are proud of the Greenbelt, and we are proud of our city. Therefore I ask the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McInnes) to state clearly that under no circumstances would he allow or permit the Greenbelt lands of the National Capital Commission to be used for a garbage incinerator or any other purpose, like a U.S. embassy.

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DISASTERS

EDMONTON—EFFECT OF TORNADO

Mr. Arnold Malone (Crowfoot): Mr. Speaker, in a few twisted, roaring, smashing moments much of Alberta's capital city, Edmonton, was transformed to rubble. Lives and homes were shattered. A city grieved, a province and a nation were stunned in unprecedented disbelief. A tornado had scoured a major Canadian metropolis. What lay behind was wreck and ruin. The results were tragic. In some cases lives were lost. In other instances nothing else remained except life itself.