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If our Government feels that postal services are essential, it should amend the Canada Labour Code so that henceforth any strike be nothing more than a symbolic gesture.

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NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY POLICY ADVOCATED

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, I challenge the federal Government during National Family Week to announce positive programs that will benefit families year-round. Despite Throne Speech promises, there is no comprehensive family policy in Canada. Instead, Tory tax policies have added an extra \$500 annual burden on families.

National policies must recognize that more parents of young children are working, more single parents are raising children alone, and one in five children still grows up in poverty. A comprehensive family policy must provide tax measures to improve family incomes, reindex the family allowance and increase the child tax credit. The long delayed national Child Care Program must be implemented and we must have maternity and parental leave benefits that are extended and enriched.

The first objective during Family Week should be to establish an active program to eliminate poverty so that every child in Canada can grow in health and with equal opportunities.

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INDUSTRY

ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO NEW INDUSTRIES BY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, bearing in mind the fact that U.S. claims of unfair Canadian trading practices through subsidies to business have prompted numerous American countervail tariffs and anti-dumping measures against Canada, one can imagine the feelings of one of my constituents, Mr. Louis Borsook, the Chairman of Dorothea Knitting Mills, who received the following letter from the Mississippi Power & Light Company:

Dear Mr. Borsook:

In 1986, 506 new and expanding industries invested more than \$1.2 billion in Mississippi. These industries took advantage of many programs currently available to manufacturers, such as Tax-Exempt Financing, State Income Tax Credits, Ad Valorem Tax Exemptions, and Free Start-Up Training—

During the week of October 19-23, I will be in Ontario meeting with industries considering expansion. I would appreciate the opportunity to briefly meet with you to discuss the many advantages Mississippi has to offer. Indal, MacMillan Bloedel, Ivaco, and other Canadian companies are aware of these advantages and have made substantial investments in Mississippi.

It appears that the new Canadian-U.S. trade dispute mechanism will soon have its first claim of unfair trading to settle, and it will not be a claim against Canada.

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FISHERIES

SCALLOP LICENCES—CALL FOR CHANGE IN POLICY

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express once again my disappointment at the decision of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and particularly of the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) to withhold the renewal of licences for scallop fishermen.

In order to qualify for new licences, fishermen must have landed scallops valued at \$350 during any of the last five years. However, this ignores the fact that many fishermen in Atlantic Canada simply do not sell their catch. Many fishermen keep the scallops for their own consumption, thereby significantly augmenting their over-all income which is very limited at best.

I call upon the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to reconsider this policy and to change this unfair decision affecting the inshore fishermen of Nova Scotia and the Atlantic region. Many fishermen like those from a community called *Main à Dieu* find this decision to be particularly upsetting. I urge the Minister to reconsider this policy.

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TRADE

SUPPORT FOR CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Bill Gottselig (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, the free trade pact between Canada and the United States is good news for all Canadians. Not only does this pact protect Canadian sovereignty but it recognizes our unique Canadian culture and maintains the safety net of our social programs.

Despite what Bob White, Vice-President of the New Democratic Party, and his minions, both in this Chamber and in the provincial Legislatures, are saying, the end result will be lower prices for Canadian consumers and higher wages for Canadian workers.

This is a mutually advantageous economic agreement for both countries. With the dispute settling mechanism firmly in place, many of the obstacles that now hinder trade are removed.

This agreement will take us into the next century and beyond and will build a better Canada, not only for us today but for future generations as Canadians take their rightful place in the world community.