

to it than what appears. In other words, this is not just a trade agreement but an agreement which threatens Canadian independence with respect to our resources, our water, our energy, the environment, social policy and regional development.

We in the Liberal Party are not opposed to freer trade, but we are opposed to this agreement. Unfortunately, many Canadians are confused by this complex deal and want time to examine it at greater length. This Bill will change the nature of Canada and make us a quasi colony of the United States. It is for this reason we must have an election before the trade Bill is passed.

Let Canadians decide if they want this deal or not. What is the Government afraid of? Call an election!

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[Translation]

THE SENATE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, the Senate is an institution that costs \$34 million a year and does not benefit Canada. Rather, it is an obsolete body that must be abolished.

Canadian democracy, as we would like it to be, has no place for this second chamber which intervenes in a partisan way without any mandate to do so.

The Canadian provinces have only one legislative body, made up of elected representatives who have had to go through the democratic process. The political development of the provinces is not endangered by having a unicameral legislature.

If the Liberals continue to intend to use the Senate to block the passage of the Free Trade Agreement and to insist that Canadians vote on this issue in the next election, we too can ask Canadians to speak out for the abolition of the Senate.

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[English]

FUR TRAPPING INDUSTRY

CHANGE IN TRAPPING METHODS URGED

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, not many Canadians condone the use of the brutal leghold trap in the fur industry. It is obvious the European Community believes that no one should make their living by the inhumane suffering of animals. An animal caught in a leghold trap endures tremendous suffering for a considerable amount of time. It has been documented that animals have

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chewed off their own legs to escape the pain caused them by these traps.

Alternate trapping devices do exist and they are more humane than the leghold device. A motion passed by this House on July 20 even states that Canada is a world leader in humane trap research. However, while this motion is aimed at maintaining the livelihood of many Canadians, it is really only a stop gap mechanism, falling far short of providing a solution to the controversy.

If the fur industry is to continue, then those involved in it must change their trapping methods forthwith. They must understand that using the leghold trap will always bring about a public outcry and will lead to the elimination of the fur industry's domestic as well as overseas markets, and even an end to the fur industry itself in Canada.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

DESTRUCTION OF PLANET'S RAIN FORESTS

Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, the destruction of our planet's rain forests will lead to environmental disaster. Scientists have predicted the Amazon Basin which contains the world's largest great rain forest, covering an area the size of Western Europe, will be destroyed by the end of the next decade. Rain forests in other parts of the planet have similar futures. With that destruction there will be a sharp increase in the level of carbon dioxide.

As carbon dioxide levels increase, so does the warming of our planet, which creates the greenhouse effect. Our planet is already experiencing its effects now. The present drought in North America and last year's unpredictable winter in Europe are examples of what we can expect. We in the developing nations must do whatever is necessary to reverse this trend while at the same time providing these nations with assistance so that they have viable economic alternatives.

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[Translation]

SHIPYARDS

CONSTRUCTION OF MINESWEEPERS—ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, the Conservative Government has started to repeat what it did in the 1984 election, namely make promises that it will not keep.

We had the best evidence of that yesterday, when the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Beatty) was in Quebec City to lead the people of the Lauzon, Sorel and Vickers