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STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

PARKS

Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that on this day I refer to a very historic program put forward by the World Wildlife Fund last fall. This book, *Endangered Spaces*, which was circulated to all members of Parliament, all members of legislatures, provincially and in the territories, is a very cogent plan produced by 22 authors to complete in the course of the next decade the national parks system and the provincial parks system so that we may have a complete representation for all time to come of the historic areas, the natural areas of this country.

We are in a position federally where about 50 per cent of our park system has been completed. Some very encouraging leadership has come from the Minister of Environment with respect to pursuing the completion of that plan over the course of the next decade. We also need the full and active support of provincial governments as was indicated here today. It is my hope that with the kind of all-party support and agreement on the Rouge just a moment ago, we may see this as a logical extension to adopting the plan and program of endangered spaces that is so important for the future of this country.

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TRADE

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, the Mulroney trade deal has done it again. There have been more factory shut-downs and more employee lay-offs. It hit home for me last week. My father, a dedicated employee of IBL Industries, located in the Conservative held riding of Burlington, received his pink slip. An official with the company states that the trade deal is largely to blame in the decision by the company to lay off employees permanently and to enter into receivership.

The irony is that while promising secure access to the U.S. market, the Conservative government actually managed to have tariffs imposed on some Canadian companies where there were none before the deal came into effect. Prior to January, 1989, IBL Industries had free and secure access to the American market, but because the Conservative government did not stand up

to American negotiators, their products became reclassified and they now have to pay duties.

Many Canadian firms have already moved south of the border. Canadian companies like IBL have lost important contracts to competitors in the U.S. Thousands of jobs, including my father's livelihood, have been lost in the shuffle. The trade deal is a misdeal and the Tories should fold.

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[Translation]

TRANSPORTATION OF DANGEROUS GOODS

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, last Saturday, January 20, 1990, a derailment occurred in the municipality of Val d'Or, Quebec, at mile 36.1 of the Val d'Or subdivision. This derailment, which involved 11 cars, including four carrying gas and heating oil, made it necessary to call in CN's emergency teams, local firefighters and officers of the municipal police force and the Quebec Provincial Police.

One of the cars lost its cargo of 78,000 litres of gasoline while 150 gallons of heating oil escaped through the valve of a tank car. The remaining cars that went off the track contained copper concentrate.

CN experts quickly arrived on the scene and established a safety perimeter.

Mr. Speaker, CN's directors in Montreal have cut the number of sectionmen in Abitibi during the past few years, and the Canadian government should follow the recommendations given in the National Transportation Agency of Canada's report, released on January 4, 1990, on causes and circumstances connected with defects in U.S. tank cars.

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[English]

THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina—Qu'Appelle): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the Minister of the Environment to do his job properly. I am not the first person with this request. On December 28, the Hon. Justice Muldoon also ordered the minister to follow the law and to conduct a real environmental assessment of the Rafferty and Alameda dam projects.