

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, October 18, 1995

The House met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

[English]

MINING

Mr. Gordon Kirkby (Prince Albert—Churchill River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, as the member of Parliament for Prince Albert—Churchill River and the chair of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Natural Resources, I extend my congratulations to the citizens and town council of Creighton, Saskatchewan today. They have passed an important resolution supporting the Keep Mining in Canada campaign and the industry's 10-point plan to create a healthy investment climate for mining in Canada.

Creighton is the 132nd community across Canada to adopt such a resolution to demonstrate its support for a continued, thriving mining industry in Canada. The health of these 132 local economies depends significantly on the health of the mining sector.

The 132 resolutions show that these towns care deeply about the future of the mining industry and I for one applaud the town of Creighton and all Canadians who care about working together to ensure a healthy mining sector.

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[Translation]

MINING INDUSTRY

Mr. Bernard Deshaies (Abitibi, BQ): Mr. Speaker, the Keep Mining in Canada campaign is moving today to Ottawa. I would like to salute the presence among us of mining industry representatives who have come to see the government in action. Or rather, I should say, in inaction.

The Liberal government had promised to streamline the regulatory maze facing the mining industry. Nothing has been done. The Liberals were committed to improving the flow through share system, but nothing has been done in that area either.

Despite the federal government's inaction, Toronto-based Falconbridge recently announced that \$500 million would be invested in Northern Quebec, which will create hundreds of jobs.

The proposed investment shows that the prospect of a yes vote does not scare investors from the rest of Canada. Better yet, it demonstrates the potential and vitality of the mining sector in Quebec.

Just imagine how this sector will grow once Quebec becomes sovereign.

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[English]

THE LATE ERIC REILLY

Mr. Jim Hart (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, this past Monday I was saddened to learn of the death of a great Canadian and a constituent of Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt.

Eric Reilly knew this country well. He was politically wise and his efforts are well known in my riding as a Reform pioneer, an organizer, a man who introduced scores of new members to the Reform Party of Canada. He did this for the love of his country and for the future of his children, his grandchildren and their children.

Eric was a fourth generation Canadian born in Dauphin, Manitoba 82 years ago. He passed away peacefully on October 16, 1995. Eric Reilly is survived by his loving wife of over 50 years, Nora, four children and eight grandchildren.

During the last months of Eric's life he wrote his autobiography *The Life of Reilly*, tracing his early years. But his greatest memories were of his family. He wrote:

The only thing you have left, regardless of how much money you have accumulated, is your family. I will be leaving a fortune.

To Nora Reilly and the family the House offers our sincerest condolences.

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LIBRARIES

Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC): Mr. Speaker, local libraries across the country will suffer if the proposed privatization of the Canada Communication Group is put in place by the government. Libraries are concerned that the depository program operated by the Canada Communication Group may be in danger.