

*S. O. 31***AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

ANTI-SEMITISM

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, Canadians condemn another racist attack on Jews in Canada.

Last Friday evening, when the Jewish Sabbath had begun, a group of teenagers attacked seven Hasidic Jewish men in Outremont. The men wore traditional long coats and fur trimmed hats. They were plainly Jews going about their religion in a district where 2,500 orthodox Jews live. Hasidic Jews are known for their non-violent way of life. The teenagers, boys and girls from the south shore district, punched and kicked the men, broke the glasses of one and took his shtreimel, his traditional hat. There is no report of money being demanded or taken.

Considering that the Ku Klux Klan recently set up a chapter in the area, one must agree with Professor Julien Bauer of the Université du Québec à Montréal who said: "It's not a coincidence, it's pure racism."

Mr. Speaker, this is a threat to every Canadian.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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[*Translation*]

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec—Est): Mr. Speaker, I recently visited an office furniture manufacturing company operating in my riding. The name of the company is *Meubles et Fonctions D.L. Inc.*

This business founded in 1977 by two twenty year old young men now employs 50 or so people to produce and install their product across Canada and produces about a hundred desks daily. They also conceived a line of ergonomic desks, that is to say workstations completely adaptable to the user's needs, which caters to future needs in office automation.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that young people such as Mr. Michel Lapointe and Mr. Yvon Denis, the president and

vice-president of the company, who are now 33 and 34 years old respectively, are an important asset for our country and deserve our support to make their business grow even more.

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[*English*]

ATLANTIC PROVINCES

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, the recent report of Dr. Charles MacMillan to the Council of Maritime Premiers calling for economic unity among the maritime provinces is timely and appropriate.

With trade barriers coming down around the world, it is time for the maritime provinces to follow suit. Trade and commerce between the provinces is currently discouraged by regulations affecting agriculture, transportation, safety, tendering, sales tax, and on and on.

If Atlantic Canada intends to be an equal partner in Canada, it must first remove the trade barriers and maximize the economic opportunities available right at our very own doorstep. I encourage the Council of Maritime Premiers to push ahead with these plans, and I will work towards this goal myself.

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SUICIDE

Mr. Jack Iyerak Anawak (Nunatsiaq): Mr. Speaker, on October 28 to October 31, the Canadian Association for Suicide Prevention conference was held in Vancouver. I attended as a board member but also as having lost two brothers to suicide.

Suicide is a major health problem and is second only to accidents as a cause of death for young people in Canada. Canada's suicide rate is consistently higher than the suicide rate in the United States, and it is costly to society. It will not go away, and there is genuine fear out there that too little attention is being paid to the issue.

The theme for the conference was "lifting the silence" and that is what we have to do.

Seven years of hard work had gone into producing *Suicide in Canada*, a national task force report. It remains unclear as to how many of its recommendations have been implemented. It is known that for every