

I would also like to say that on *The Green Plan* the government says it wants to consult with the aboriginal people. It is good that it finally wants to do that. However, we have been waiting for that for years. We have been waiting for somebody to ask us what we think of the environment because we are intimately involved with the environment. They should have been asking us when they were debating the Oldman River Dam, the Rafferty-Alameda, James Bay and the proposed pulp mills in Alberta. We have just been waiting to be asked.

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Another issue that I would like to touch on is the issue of the Inuit people and the environment. Some years ago, a French movie star started the whole thing. Brigitte Bardot, with the help of Greenpeace, destroyed a livelihood that the Newfoundland people had as well as the Inuit people in the north, without asking us, without asking us what we thought about whether there should be seal hunts in Newfoundland, never realizing that it was going to destroy two livelihoods—the Inuit and the Newfoundland people.

Again we could have given them some advice on how to go about dealing with the environment, but they did not choose to do that. Now, in retrospect, they say: "Well, we did not mean to destroy the Inuit way of life". Generous, very generous after the fact. So what do we say to people like the environmentalists? We have no problems with the environmentalists as long as we can work with them and the government is willing to listen to us. But to people like Greenpeace and others, what we would say to them is: "Don't call us we will call you".

Now the same thing is happening with the anti-fur movement. What really bothers me is that these people think they know best, either environmentalists or anti-fur movement, animal rights people. All these guys are saying is: "We do not want you to hunt; we do not want you to trap". The animal rights group think, I am sure, that steaks come from the supermarket. I mean that is how they think, that chickens come from the supermarket, that they do not need to be killed or plucked or skinned, and all that. It boggles the mind as to how insensitive, for lack of a better word, these people can be.

In terms of the anti-fur and animal rights group, what they do not realize is that we do not contribute to the

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damage to the environment. In getting the fur or the seal skin there is very little damage if any to the environment. However, I should say that those people who are animal rights groups should think about what they are wearing in terms of manufacturing, what it did to the environment in manufacturing their jacket, their shirt, whatever, their rayon, nylon, whatever. I think they should be thinking more along that line.

I would just like to touch on the contamination of food. In the north, which I have mentioned previously, the people of Broughton Island, a small community of about 450, are concerned about PCBs and other chemicals in their food chain. They have absolutely nothing to do with the contamination of that food chain. This food chain was through the polar bear or other animals. They got contaminated from the fall down of chemicals that do not know any international boundaries. PCBs do not know that they are not supposed to fall in Canada. They are not supposed to, but they do not know that. Meanwhile, more contamination is happening because there are not enough environmental programs being instituted in various governments, whether it is the federal government or other governments.

I would like to touch on the tanker traffic proposals in the north. When they are talking about the environment in the north, people have to realize it is a very fragile ecological system. We call it Nunatsiaq, the good land. However, Mr. Speaker, if I were to describe Nunatsiaq to you, I would say the beautiful land. I say the good land because it gives us life. That is the difference in how we see the land. We use it and call it the good land.

It is always an honour to address the people here about various issues. I am glad that I had this opportunity to say a few things about the environment.

Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, I want to compliment my colleague from Nunatsiaq on his remarks. In particular, I want to raise the fact that last summer, when our colleague hosted our caucus in his riding on Baffin Island, we were told about some other environmental dangers up there such as the dumping of leftover machinery belonging to American military personnel. I am wondering if he would like to make any comments about that this afternoon.

Mr. Anawak: Mr. Speaker, I thank the hon. member for her question.