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STATEMENT PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[Translation]

DAY CARE

URGENT NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ACTION

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, once again, Canadians have reason to complain about the Conservative Government's failure to act. This time, people have had to bear the brunt of the Government's inaction with respect to day-care centres. And this at a time when the Government is acting too quickly to endorse agreements like the Free Trade Agreement.

Mr. Speaker, the Government ought to realize that time is of the essence as far as day-care centres are concerned and that it must act quickly. In fact, since the Mulroney-Reagan Agreement was signed, many people have been concerned about the impact the Agreement will have and about any negative effects on a national day-care system.

If we open our borders to American services, what guarantee do we have that they will not open day-care centres in this country which, as in the United States, will be private and aimed at a wealthy clientele? There is a real risk that a profit-oriented day-care service will be set up in this country. Is that the best this Government can do for the Canadian people?

The Government is dragging its feet, and Canadians are fed up. Thousands of children are waiting for openings in day-care centres. The Government must act quickly and help those who are starting to get impatient, and rightly so.

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[English]

SUNSHINE FOUNDATION

SPONSORSHIP OF SICK CHILDREN'S VISIT TO DISNEY WORLD,
FLORIDA

Mr. Terry Clifford (London—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, it was heartening to be at the London Airport this morning to see three jets carrying 205 chronically ill, terminally ill and severely disabled children, with their volunteer helpers and medical support, leave on their Dream Lift to Disney World in Florida. The Right Hon. Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) has proclaimed these young people "Canadian Ambassadors" to the United States of America for today.

Today's miracle came about as the result of hundreds of volunteers inspired and led by Ed and Donna Czach who themselves were parents of a terminally ill child who longed for the opportunity that was afforded to so many others today. Today's inaugural Dream Lift is a tribute to their son Paul's memory and serves as an inspiration of hope to thousands of

others across Canada who might some day be touched by the Sunshine Foundation.

This concept, with the help of volunteers throughout the country, will hopefully spread to embrace all parts of Canada so that these special children will be able to enjoy a ray of sunshine similar to what we saw this morning in London which even the driving rains could not discourage.

The success of this movement is going to rely on the warmth, generosity and assistance of Canadians, and I would urge my colleagues in the House of Commons to encourage and support the creation of a chapter of the Sunshine Foundation in their own constituencies.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

EL SALVADOR—MURDER OF HERBERT ERNESTO ANAYA
SANABRIA

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, Herbert Ernesto Anaya Sanabria, 33 years old, a man of truth and love, yesterday gave his life for his people in El Salvador.

In May, 1986, Herbert was arrested, tortured and imprisoned by the Government of El Salvador while working for the non-governmental Human Rights Commission. In prison he and other political prisoners did a study of the torture techniques used against them which they smuggled out for publication.

On February 2, 1987, after release and a prisoner exchange, Herbert and his companions returned to serve the Human Rights Commission. On May 5, with my son David interpreting, I met Herbert at work in the Human Rights office. He spoke relaxedly, his face shining with cheerful courage, about the struggle of the El Salvador people against United States guns.

He daily took down statements from relatives of the disappeared, identified tortured bodies in garbage dumps and published the truth as he found it, while receiving government propaganda attacks and death squad threats.

On October 26 at 6.35 a.m., as he prepared to take two of his children to school, two men shot him to death.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

CANADA-UNITED STATES TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF
NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, it may come as a surprise to the New Democratic Party, but our country stretches from the Pacific to the Atlantic. Yes, it is true that there are areas of Canada not found within the