

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 3, 1992

The House met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

SUDBURY, ONTARIO

Mrs. Diane Marleau (Sudbury): Mr. Speaker, today the regional municipality of Sudbury is being recognized by the United Nations and has been presented with the 1992 United Nations Local Government Honours Award at the earth summit in Rio de Janeiro for its work in land reclamation.

Sudbury is green and getting greener every day. Lands once barren and devastated are covered in grass and trees; all this due to the co-operation of all within the community as well as with the help of all levels of government.

First, Sudbury's efforts were recognized in Ontario and in 1990 Sudbury was awarded the Lieutenant-Governor's Conservation Award. Again in 1990 Sudbury received the Government of Canada Environmental Achievement Award.

Earlier this year Sudbury's work was recognized by the United States and received the Chevron Conservation Award, and now the world recognizes Sudbury's achievements. Sudbury has become a world leader in vegetation enhancement.

All Canadians can be justly proud of these outstanding achievements and of the international recognition. Congratulations Sudbury.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, shelters for battered women give out only their phone numbers and not their addresses because it would endanger the lives of women and children. Abusive men

are most likely to kill their partners when the women attempt to leave them.

Shelter workers and others who have helped battered women have also been threatened, beaten and killed. A Liberal member of Parliament, without consulting the organizations involved, published the addresses of all the shelters for battered women in his riding. Women's organizations wish to hold the member for Broadview—Greenwood accountable.

Women's organizations who help battered women are the experts on this issue. I urge all members of Parliament to consult with these women's organizations in their ridings before sending out any material dealing with violence against women. This recent action which puts abused women and children at further risk could have been completely avoided.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, a constituent of mine has brought to my attention the following matter of great importance.

Future eastern Canadian summers without the monarch butterfly are a certainty because of the logging of the few Mexican mountain top sanctuaries where these insects stay over winter. Saving the Mexican winter range for the monarch is of great importance.

Currently our Minister for International Trade is on a mission to Mexico to discuss environmental technology and has said that the President of Mexico has placed a very high priority on improving Mexico's environmental protection and control capabilities.

Sustainable growth should blend a genuine commitment to the environment with a consistent focus on quality. It will take effort by all of us to make this a reality.

Today, as the earth summit convenes in Rio de Janeiro, I encourage all members of Parliament to support and encourage efforts to preserve the world's forests, wildlife and beautiful species for the enjoyment of North Americans now and in the future.