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A recent incident which highlights the necessity of maintaining order at an industrial site occurred at the Overwaitea Foods construction site in Langley, B.C. An injunction had been obtained on a Wednesday limiting pickets to two people per entrance to the site. Instead of obeying the law, the building trade unions chose to initiate mass picketing. As expected, violence erupted at the site and on Friday about 60 RCMP riot police were brought in to restore order.

To avoid incidents like this in the future, I call upon the Solicitor General (Mr. Beatty) to work closely with the Attorney Generals of the provinces to ensure that court orders are followed as soon as possible. Those workers and suppliers who are not on strike and want to produce should have reasonable access to the job site without fear of intimidation from a mob.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

AUSTRIA—ELECTION OF KURT WALDHEIM AS PRESIDENT

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, yesterday Mr. Kurt Waldheim was elected President of Austria. His election now poses a dilemma for Canada. Should the Canadian Government send a telegram of congratulations to Mr. Waldheim, or should the Canadian Government consider barring him from visiting this country? This dilemma cannot be resolved in the absence of full knowledge of Mr. Waldheim's past.

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I call upon the Canadian Government to instruct Ambassador Stephen Lewis immediately to press for a thorough, independent, international investigation of these serious allegations. The Government would then have the facts on which to take appropriate action. Only in this way will the truth about the Waldheim matter finally be known.

I am personally affronted that any person who may be connected with Nazi war crimes should be elected as president of any nation. As a Canadian I am also concerned that a cloud of uncertainty now hovers over the head of a respected international body, the United Nations, where Mr. Waldheim once served as Secretary General. For the sake of all those who suffered at the hands of the Nazis, let us clear up these open wounds and this nasty issue.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

DECLINE IN MINING INDUSTRY ACCIDENTS

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, mining is very important to my riding of Timiskaming, so I

was pleased to learn that new Workers' Compensation Board statistics reveal that accidents in the mining industry have declined over the last five years.

Mining is now among the third safest occupational group in Ontario according to WCB figures, which puts it ahead of six other occupational groups. This record pays tribute to the co-operation between management and labour, which have concentrated on improving safety standards within the industry.

The Conservative Government supports this kind of activity. I am pleased that we are currently funding a study on ground control to prevent rock bursts, along with many other safety related measures.

Mining is a safer industry because of these efforts, but our Government is working to make it even safer.

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TRADE

U.S. TARIFF ON CANADIAN CEDAR SHAKES AND SHINGLES—
EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, the latest casualty statistics from the shake and shingle campaign the Canadian-U.S. trade wars now number 1,500 from the Mission, British Columbia front, and 800 from the Vancouver Island front. Unconfirmed casualties from the interior include: Mrs. Rosemary Drake, Mr. John Friesen, Mr. Ken Audi, Mr. John Tufts, Mr. Larry Kirk, Mr. Bob Bohac, Mr. Alex Clarke, Mr. Glen Porter, Mr. Ted Surtel, Mr. Del Shahurt, Mr. Errol Mondes, Mr. Ken Bryant, Mr. Bill Keriler, Mr. Gerald Hemminger, Mr. Gary Tubbs, Mr. Lloyd Johansson, Mr. Melvin Tubbs, Mr. Leonard Dyck, Mr. Ken Harker, Mr. Henry Kuester, Mr. Dave Klassen, Mr. Dale Harriet, Mr. Terry Tubbs, Mr. Paul Burke, Mr. Jim Desmond, Mr. Gary Burke, Mr. Kris Burkner, Mr. Don White, Mr. Charlie Purdy—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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FORESTRY

U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE'S ANNOUNCEMENT ON
CANADIAN SOFTWOOD EXPORTS—QUEBEC—GOVERNMENT
POSITION

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, the forestry industry in Quebec, and especially in Abitibi-Témiscamingue, is concerned about the announcement made last Friday by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce regarding an inquiry that may lead to a tariff of 27 per cent being imposed on all our lumber exports to that country.