

tonnes of PCB wastes to Great Britain on three different commercial flights. In doing so, Air Canada complied with international and federal laws and regulations.

While legal, this action raises serious questions. Should toxic wastes be transported with passengers? Are we fully aware and willing to accept, should a flight crash, the consequences of the burning of PCBs, perhaps in a densely populated area near the airports where the flight takes off and lands?

So far, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) has not announced in his PCB policy that he would ban the export of PCB wastes from Canada. He has the power to do so, through the Environmental Protection Act.

We urge the Minister to adopt a policy whereby we manage our toxic wastes at home instead of shipping them to other nations. The Minister should use the power that he has and ban PCB exports from now on.

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SPORTS

OLYMPIC GAMES—BEN JOHNSON, 100 METRE WINNER

Mr. Reginald Stackhouse (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, some people complain that Canada is giving too much to the Third World. But often that world gives much to Canada, such as our first 1988 Olympic Gold Medal.

All Canada is bursting with pride today because of Ben Johnson, and especially so is the City of Scarborough, where he grew up. But if his mother, Gloria, had not brought Ben and her other children from Jamaica less than 20 years ago, Canada would be less proud as a nation and Scarborough less proud as a city.

When anyone says that Canada is admitting too many immigrants—and I have heard many say that—let him ask himself if he would like the number to have been one less the year that Ben Johnson came here as a young child.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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SPORTS

OLYMPIC GAMES—BEN JOHNSON, 100 METRE WINNER

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, it was a difficult week for those of us who dared dissent from the professional pessimism of Canadian sports journalists. But not for Ben, who was carefully and quietly maintaining his own counsel, seemingly expending, sometimes dangerously, little of his talented reserves, and sowing deliberate doubt, mostly, though it was not noticed, among the competition.

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Finally, the gun went off, and as Ben promised, the race was over. At that moment, among Canadians throughout the world a brilliant flash of ecstatic joy drowned the shadows of doubt.

There remains a euphoric glow as we remember, as we will always remember, the explosive flight from the blocks, the arm raised not only in victory but in a promise of victories yet to come, and the flag—the Canadian flag—flashing red, the colour of passion, and of passionate pride.

We salute you, Ben, and we thank you not only for a victory of historic and incomparable magnificence, but as well we thank you for a lesson in the persistent pursuit of excellence provided for our youth, for our nation.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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AGRICULTURE

MANITOBA FARMERS—COMPENSATION FOR WET WEATHER CROP LOSSES

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) for the last three months has been announcing billions and billions of dollars' worth of promises to Canadians. Over a year ago the then Minister of Agriculture announced that farmers who are farming in the Interlake area of Manitoba would receive a special payment of some \$1.5 million in co-operation with the provincial Government. This would be a special payment for the loss of crops in the fall of 1985 and 1986, due to the damp and wet weather during those two seasons in which they lost their crops. Over 400 farmers are still waiting for these payments promised by this Government.

I call on the new part-time Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Mazankowski) to make good on this promise by the former Minister of Agriculture, and not renege on this promise to these hard-pressed farmers, as the Prime Minister has on many of his other promises.

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PIPELINES

VANCOUVER ISLAND NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Mrs. Mary Collins (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, the announcement last Thursday that the federal Government would contribute \$150 million towards the construction of the Vancouver Island gas pipeline is not only the fulfilment of a project which the members of the B.C. caucus have worked towards for many years, but it will bring real, tangible benefits to thousands of British Columbians on Vancouver Island.