

## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## POLAND—FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF IMPOSITION OF MARTIAL LAW

**Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale-High Park):** Mr. Speaker, today the Polish community of Toronto and throughout the world commemorates the fourth anniversary of the imposition of martial law in Poland on December 13, 1981.

Recently General Wojciech Jaruzelski tried to gain some semblance of respectability by travelling to France, yet Poland remains a repressed state. There has been no attempt at reform to cure the economic malaise or the cultural and political repression. The Education Act of July, 1985, requires that all academics travelling to the West on exchange programs be approved by the Communist Party; 360 political dissidents are under detention; more and more citizens are being brutally killed for their opposition to the regime; and last month 40 outspoken opposition intellectuals were purged from senior administrative posts in universities.

General Jaruzelski is under the mistaken impression that by visiting western leaders he will be absolved of all wrongdoing and that memory is generally short in the West. The image of a uniformed lawman in dark glasses will not fade, certainly not in the minds of Poland's people.

Let us not be fooled by the extrovert image Jaruzelski tries to portray. There is no normalcy in Poland at this time. The grim truth is that repression in Poland is more intense. Today all Canadians must lend their support in spirit to the people of Poland. We join—

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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## ENERGY

## INCREASE IN PETROLEUM REVENUES AND EXPLORATION

**Mr. Tom Hockin (London West):** Mr. Speaker, the Province of Ontario consumed 26 billion litres of oil and 660 billion cubic feet of natural gas in 1984. In my riding in London, Ontario, we look to our domestic producers for competitive prices and reliable supply, but under the NEP of the past, local supply in a depressed market could no longer be guaranteed.

Earlier this week a constituent came into my office with some startling energy statistics from the semi-annual report of the Petroleum Monitoring Agency for the first half of 1985. It revealed that petroleum revenues were up by 7 per cent; that cash flow had increased by 19 per cent; that this increase in cash flow was being pumped right back into upstream expenditures; and that reinvestment, capital expenditures, and exploration were all on the rise.

The Canadian oil and gas industry has entered into a growth cycle, unmatched even by our American neighbours, as a result of the new policies of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney). Canadian supplies of oil and

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natural gas are recognized as the most reliable supplies of any country.

I want to quote from a recent editorial in the *Oil and Gas Journal*, dated November 25. It reads:

The administration of Brian Mulroney is living up to its promise. Canada is better for it . . . A much more confident industry is responding by spending more in Canada.

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## FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

## EXPRESSION OF GOOD WISHES TO HON. ROBERT BOURASSA AND NEW QUEBEC GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides):** Mr. Speaker, I want to join many Canadians, especially those living in Quebec, in extending our best wishes to the new Government of that province and its leader, the Hon. Robert Bourassa, to whom we wish every success in achieving his objectives which have the approval of the people of Quebec.

The election of a new Government in Quebec marks the end of a period when all the energies of the Quebec Government were concentrated on separating the province, sooner or later, from the rest of Canada.

This philosophy of the Parti Québécois Government was at the root of the many confrontations seen between Ottawa and Quebec during the past nine years. The constant conflict was due to the fact that even the slightest skirmish was used as a pretext to challenge Canadian unity.

All Quebecers listened confidently when their new Premier expressed the hope that before the end of his term, he would be able to sign the Canadian Constitution Act as patriated by the previous Liberal Government of Canada.

Quebec and its new Government want to make the Canadian federation work, and if symbols mean anything at all, Canadians will be happy to hear that their flag has now been restored to its place of honour next to the blue and white flag of Quebec.

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## THE ECONOMY

## GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

**Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Louis-Hébert):** Mr. Speaker, the latest economic indicators show that the economy of Quebec continues to progress steadily in 1985.

Since the election fourteen months ago, we have created 130,000 jobs, an average of 9,286 new jobs per month. The unemployment rate dropped from 12.8 per cent in 1984 to 11.8 per cent in November 1985. Between January and September 1985, the total value of building permits rose from \$2.4 billion