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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SIGNING OF AUXILIARY AGREEMENT BETWEEN CANADA AND QUEBEC

Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Louis-Hébert): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in Quebec City, I witnessed the signing of the Canada-Quebec Subsidiary Agreement on Scientific and Technological Development, with the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Siddon), and for Quebec, the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Mr. Pierre-Marc Johnson and the Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Mr. Yves Bérubé.

The five-year \$100 million agreement is aimed at stimulating scientific and technological development and the attendant jobs in Quebec and facilitating coordination of efforts at both levels of government, with particular emphasis on implementing projects of strategic value for Canada and Quebec.

The signing of this agreement comes at a particularly important time, after the new federal Budget which emphasizes technological development and innovative projects in order to spur economic growth.

Government representatives jointly stressed the importance of the consensus reached on management of the Institut d'optique et de laser located in Sainte-Foy, in my riding.

The subsidiary agreement contains provisions concerning the conversion of the Institute into an independent enterprise, managed by a board of directors whose members will be mostly recruited from the private sector.

I must say I am extremely happy with the signing of this agreement, because it will undoubtedly be very—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member, but her time has expired.

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OLD AGE SECURITY

LIBERAL PARTY'S POSITION

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal-Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I want all Members of this House to know exactly what kind of senior citizens this Progressive Conservative Government is asking to make sacrifices and to submit to cuts in their Old Age Security pensions.

First of all, these are all people who were born before 1920. They grew up during the Depression. They got married and raised children and sent them to school at a time when education was not free. They are all parents, fathers and mothers, who had to pay for medical care for their children at a time when health insurance and hospital insurance were non-existent. These are people who are still making sacrifices

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to remain independent and avoid being a burden to their children and who are living in their own homes. These are all people who helped build our country.

Mr. Speaker, we in the Liberal Party say no to the sacrifice the Progressive Conservative Government wants to impose on our elderly. We in the Liberal Party say: we are going to fight this Government to ensure that our elderly get the social justice to which they are entitled.

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DISARMAMENT

STATEMENT ISSUED BY WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, the Women's International Peace Conference which ended in Halifax this past weekend called for significant initiatives in advancing world peace. The official statement issued at the end of the conference calls for a comprehensive test ban treaty, an end to research, testing, development, and deployment of all weapons of mass destruction, and an end to the militarization of space.

At this time of foreign policy review, a peace statement which reflects the views of many Canadians deserves strong support from the Government. A telex of the official statement has gone to the Prime Minister's Office and a Conservative Member of Parliament in attendance at the conference has also brought him a copy. I urge the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to use his good relations with Soviet Leader Gorbachev and President Reagan to press them to negotiate in good faith. I urge him to take decisive action in stopping Canada's participation in the testing of Cruise missiles over Canadian territory. I urge him to act on the opposition of most Canadians to Canada's participation in President Reagan's star wars program.

The Women's Conference in Halifax gives us hope that reason will prevail in the international power play. The Canadian Government must take the hope this statement expresses, and act decisively.

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SPORT

TRIBUTE TO EDMONTON OILERS, STANLEY CUP HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, Edmonton, my home city, has produced superb championship sports teams. In an earlier era, the Edmonton Grads were the world's best women's basketball team, and for 25 consecutive years most players were from Edmonton, and they were amateurs.

In recent times, the Edmonton Eskimos reigned supreme in the Canadian Football League, winning the coveted Grey Cup