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and I wish Monsignor Couture every success in serving over one million Catholics in the 273 parishes of his diocese.

My best wishes also go to newly appointed archbishops Monsignor Jean-Claude Turcotte of Montreal, Monsignor Aloysius Ambrozic of Toronto and to Monsignor Pierre Morrissette, the new bishop of Baie Comeau.

I wish Cardinals Louis-Albert Vachon, Paul Grégoire and Emmett Carter a happy and peaceful retirement.

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[English]

### NATIONAL FILM BOARD

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, this morning the Standing Committee on Communications and Culture gave unanimous approval to a motion I presented concerning the National Film Board.

The motion briefly states that “in view of the significant contribution of the NFB to the artistic and cultural life of this country, and as a tribute to its international acclaim during the past 50 years—the chairman be instructed to write to Canada’s national air carriers, Air Canada and Canadian Airlines, to screen National Film Board productions.”

I find it incredible that NFB productions can win nine Oscars and be heralded for its excellence around the world, and yet Canadians do not seem to have maximum access to this quality here at home.

Look at it this way, Mr. Speaker. If you were on the same plane that was transporting the Grey Cup or the Stanley Cup, would you not want to get a look at these national treasures that we are so proud of?

In my view, the NFB along with other Canadian film producers, turn out quality treasures which can and should be seen on Canada’s airlines, not only within our boundaries, but everywhere we fly around the world.

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[Translation]

### FISHERIES

**Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Beauséjour):** Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Henri Eugène Duguay and Mrs.

Albertine Léger who organized a public meeting in Shediac, attended by several hundred fishermen and individuals involved in the fisheries industry. These people from southeast New Brunswick came to meet government authorities and talk about their concerns about the industry.

I listened carefully, together with New Brunswick Minister of Fisheries Denis Lozier, who had come especially to listen to these people. It is too bad, Mr. Speaker, that the federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, who was absent, was unable to see for himself the willingness of all these people to find a solution to the present crisis before it becomes an unmitigated disaster.

[English]

Representatives from different communities voiced their concerns about the uncertain situation of the lobster and herring industries. Fishermen have offered very positive elements for solutions, but it was stated very clearly that action must be taken in the very near future. The province of New Brunswick has taken some action, but the federal government is dragging its feet.

[Translation]

Very shortly, I intend to table in the House a petition with 2,800 signatures which I was given during this meeting.

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### 1990 TITLE OF EXCELLENCE

**Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Science and Technology)):** Mr. Speaker, the *Association des femmes de carrière du Québec métropolitain* annually sponsors the Title of Excellence Award, and 1990 is the seventh consecutive year. The main purpose of the award is to acknowledge the impact and professional standards of women on the labour market in the greater Quebec City area.

As chairman of the jury, I would like to congratulate all finalists. In the executive category: Joceline Gros-Louis, director of the Loretteville native friendship centre; Gabrielle Lapointe, director of administrative services of the Nouvelle-Beauce school board in Sainte-Marie de Beauce; and the winner in this category, Jacinthe Blackburn, Mayor of Baie Saint-Paul.