

Liberal or Socialist Member had dared visit the submarine, and this while both the Liberal and Socialist Leaders, in accordance with the respective programs of their Parties, are against nuclear subs.

Mr. Speaker, before speaking out against the submarines, it would perhaps have been better for both Leaders to visit our submarines and see for themselves the competence of our men and, by the same token, realize that our fleet of submarines is in need of immediate modernization, to bring the fleet up to the level of the and skills of men who have been trained to operate the best.

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[English]

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

COMPANY PENSION PLAN

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, when the Progressive Conservatives were elected in 1984 one of the expectations that they created at that time was that they would act to do something about the long-standing complaints many CN pensioners have about their pension plan. We know that there was a subcommittee which heard from a great many witnesses and which made some recommendations. The recommendations of that subcommittee were not completely satisfactory to a great many CN pensioners, but they would have been better than nothing if they had been implemented.

The fact of the matter is that we are now on the eve of another election. We have all that many more people out there on CN pensions, and still we have no action from the Government. I think something we should all keep in mind is that these kinds of promises were made in 1984. Here we are in the fall of 1988 and not a blessed thing has been done about the CN pension plan, something that has been crying out for action for years.

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DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES

SAFER PCB MANAGEMENT URGED

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, PCB, polychlorinated biphenyl, is a very dangerous chemical compound used as a coolant, primarily in transformers.

The recent incident at Saint-Basile-le-Grand, where PCB contaminated oil burned and released dangerous chemicals such as dioxin into the environment, is a dangerous and very serious situation. When ingested in small quantities they are fatal.

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Although PCBs have been banned from use since 1977, many are still in use, and many storage sites exist with used PCB contaminated oil. They can and should be destroyed.

I call upon the federal Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) to take the lead and to convene a meeting of his provincial counterparts, industry users, and scientists, to deal immediately with a plan of action for safer PCB management.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—WATER RESOURCES

Mr. William C. Winegard (Guelph): Mr. Speaker, free flowing water is not a part of the free trade agreement between Canada and the United States. Those who says it is often quote Article 105. Sir, let me quote Article 105 to the House and to the Canadian public. It states:

Each Party shall, to the extent provided in this Agreement, accord national treatment with respect to investment and to trade in goods and services.

The operative word is "trade". How can you give national treatment in trade, Mr. Speaker, to something you do not trade—I repeat, do not trade? What nonsense their arguments really are.

Mr. Speaker: There is agreement among all Parties to have certain statements made, and I know that Hon. Members would want to hear first from the Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray).

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[Translation]

THE LATE JEAN MARCHAND

TRIBUTE TO A GREAT CANADIAN

Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West): Today I wish to pay tribute to a man who made a great contribution to the lives of all Canadians. With the passing of Jean Marchand, we have lost one of the men who made Canada and Quebec what they are today.

Mr. Marchand was not just a remarkable politician, he was also a leading light of trade unionism. He was tireless in his defence of great causes, and he has left Canadians an impressive heritage. We all know that he fought for a strong Canada. We are also to a large extent indebted to him for introducing bilingualism, cast in the image of our country. Mr. Speaker, today we have lost a fighter, a man of exceptional courage, without whom Canada and Quebec would not be what they are now.