

Many of Joey's battles are still ours to win. We are still the poor cousins of Confederation though great strides have been made, thanks to his vision.

Joey Smallwood, a great Newfoundlander by birth, a great Canadian by choice. Newfoundland, a proud partner in Canada.

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MERCHANT MARINE

Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, even as a land-locked western Canadian, I was delighted that our wartime merchant seamen received such good news last week. Many red herrings were produced over the years to deny them equal footing with those who served the country in the army, navy and air force.

Merchant mariners were not subject to military discipline it was said. They were free to sail or to stay ashore. That makes the contribution of our merchant mariners all the more admirable. They did not have to, but they climbed aboard their ships and voyage after voyage faced the perils of torpedoes, shells, bombs, and gales. They had the option of staying ashore but instead they continued the vital work of sustaining the supply lines, the lines that ensured victory.

I am proud that my government is going to be bringing in legislation giving our high seas mariners their full due. As the Minister of Veterans Affairs told them last week: "Welcome aboard".

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FISHERIES

Mr. Ray Skelly (North Island—Powell River): Mr. Speaker, the Conservative government once again cut the budget allocation for west coast charter fisheries officers.

These budget cuts will destroy the management in the west coast salmon fishery. There will be no fisheries officers to supervise the commercial, sports and food fisheries. There will be no fisheries officers to make spawning fish counts, to estimate escapement.

Without these counts, it is impossible to estimate the expected salmon return. Without this information, a fishing plan cannot be developed. Without the information, fisheries management is impossible. The govern-

ment must supply sufficient funding to hire enough charter fisheries officers to carry out proper fisheries management and enforcement.

The government must know you cannot save money by destroying the west coast fisheries resource.

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WELLFUND AUDIO VISUAL LTD.

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, I have the pleasure of reporting some very good news to the House today.

Last week, I attended a sod turning ceremony for the construction of a new television manufacturing plant in my riding of Delta, British Columbia. With the help of a \$3 million loan from this government's Western Economic Diversification Program, Wellfund Audio Visual Ltd. of Hong Kong is establishing the \$14 million dollar plant on Annacis Island.

Due to the free trade agreement, this new project will be able to produce low cost television sets to compete in the U.S. market which is now almost exclusively dominated by Asian imports. Besides creating new manufacturing technology and spin off benefits for the local electronics industry, this new plant will use components from Ontario and the U.S.

I am extremely encouraged to see this type of investment in Canada and, more important, to see the creation of up to 250 jobs for my constituents, a significant portion of which will be in research and development.

This new plant is a real winner for Delta, for Canada, and for the free trade agreement.

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FISHERIES

Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova): Mr. Speaker, on March 17, 1992, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans announced the 1992 allocation of developmental species.

It is my understanding that the minister received applications from the Canadian fishing industry totalling 300,000 tonnes. As part of those applications for developmental species, applications had to contain a three-year business plan. This was beneficial to the industry as it allowed it to have stability and planning in the under-utilized species.