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Hamilton is a beautiful city. In fact, there are several students here from Hamilton today who will attest to the fact that Hamilton is the centre of economic and cultural opportunity in one of Canada's most populous regions.

We Hamiltonians are proud of our city and of our accomplishments in the fields of arts and entertainment and sports. We are proud to bear the name "Steel City".

The Member's remark was not only unprofessional but insulting to one of Canada's finest cities.

On behalf of Hamiltonians and the Liberal Party, I would ask that the Hon. Member for Mississauga North apologize to the people of Hamilton.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

INDIAN AFFAIRS

BRITISH COLUMBIA NATIVE EDUCATION CENTRE—INCREASED FEDERAL FUNDING SOUGHT

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, on May 14, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. McKnight), in a press release, stated that education and training are his important priorities for developing self-government and economic self-reliance. Yet, in the name of self-government, his department is terminating a \$125,000 grant for the B.C. Native Education Centre in Vancouver, which has an outstanding record.

This centre, Mr. Speaker, has been operating for 20 years, is native-run and operated, and not only helps native people to find a new life through education but has many cultural and high-tech training programs as well.

I would ask the Minister to confirm his commitment to Indian education and self-government by reinstating and increasing the federal grant to this important native-run education centre in Vancouver.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

RICK HANSEN—MAN IN MOTION TOUR SURPASSES RESEARCH FUND TARGET

Mrs. Mary Collins (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise in the House today to pay tribute to the outstanding efforts of a great Canadian, Rick Hansen.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Collins: Tomorrow in Vancouver, as we all know, Rick completes his round-the-world odyssey. I am sure he was

buoyed by the news this week that his Man in Motion tour surpassed its original goal of raising \$10 million for spinal cord research, rehabilitation, and wheelchair sports.

I know that Rick's determination and education have served as a source of inspiration for all who met him during his 26,000 mile tour. He has shown the depths of human spirit and endurance to the citizens of 34 countries along his path.

Almost two years ago, Mr. Speaker, I stood in this place and wished Rick the best of luck as he embarked on his dream. Now it fills me with great happiness to be able to say: Welcome home, Rick. You have been a source of hope and pride to all Canadians. To you and Amanda go our appreciation, our love, and our best wishes for the most wonderful future, a future you both deserve.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[English]

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—INVESTMENT BY U.S. IN CANADA

Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition): Mr. Speaker, when the Prime Minister lost his cool yesterday in responding to my questions about unlimited American takeovers of Canadian industry, I was suspicious that perhaps something was wrong, and now I know that something was wrong.

Yesterday afternoon, after Question Period, the chief Canadian negotiator told reporters that President Reagan personally had asked the Prime Minister for unlimited access by American investment in Canadian companies and Canadian business.

The Prime Minister did not tell Parliament of that request. The Prime Minister did not tell Canadians of that request. What is worse, the Prime Minister did not say no to that request.

I ask him, therefore, why not? Why didn't he tell President Reagan that Canadians will never allow the United States to have a total unfettered right to buy up any Canadian business they want, at their will?

(1420)

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): I didn't tell the President that because it was never raised, Mr. Speaker. Those words were never used—unlimited access, total unfettered rights. That is a falsehood.

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): I will not recite for the record what Mr. Reisman has said, as reported by a number of daily newspapers, but I will table the necessary documentation to back that up.