

The history of the Philippine nation has been difficult and troubled, fraught with political conflict. Through it all, the Filipino people have survived and their dream of democracy remained intact.

I urge all Members of the House to join the Filipino community in Canada and around the world in celebrating this important anniversary and in sending a strong message of support and hope for the future of the Philippines.

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NUCLEAR ENERGY

MICHIGAN—STEAM LEAK AT FERMI II REACTOR

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have told the House and the Government before about the problems of the Fermi II nuclear reactor in Michigan, close to my constituency.

Now I have to tell the Government of yet another accident at that reactor, a steam leak which affected five workers, all of whom had to be decontaminated.

This is yet another argument for the Government to act and request an independent joint review of this trouble prone reactor.

Next week I will join Greenpeace, along with other Members of Parliament, in a protest news conference on their vessel, *Beluga*, at Fermi II. I urge the Government to act, and act fast, to respond to the concerns of thousands of Canadians for their safety, and to ask the Government of the United States to permit this joint review to take place. It is time for the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) to show that he really cares about the safety of Canadians.

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IMMIGRATION

ADMISSION OF REFUGEES FROM NICARAGUA

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, earlier this week the political left was saying that right wing Nicaraguan Contras should not be allowed to come to Canada as refugees. Not long ago the political right was voicing the same concerns about left wing Nicaraguan Sandinistas.

The Geneva Convention on Refugees that Canada signed in 1951 does not talk about left wing or right wing refugees. It defines a refugee as a person with a well founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Are we concerned about refugees, or is our real concern their political philosophy?

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FISHERIES

CODFISH QUOTA FOR PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND FISHERMEN

Mr. George Henderson (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, under the Atlantic Groundfish Management Plan for 1988, fishermen with vessels under 45 feet in Zone 4T received a separate quota. For instance, these fishermen were allowed to catch up to 3,450 metric tonnes of codfish between April 22 and July 31. This allocation has now been caught and today is only June 9. Fishermen now want an additional quota to hold them over for the next two months.

Prince Edward Island fishermen, especially those from western P.E.I., are very worried because they did not catch their fair share of the 3,450 metric tonnes quota due to poor weather conditions. These fishermen have made a sensible request for an extra cod quota and they are willing to accept daily trip limits and mandatory gutting at sea. I would urge the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) and his officials to approve this request as soon as possible.

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FEDERAL—PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

CO-OPERATION WITH QUÉBEC

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, the \$1 billion agreement signed today by Prime Minister Mulroney and Premier Bourassa heralds a new era of co-operation between Canada and Quebec.

Firstly, we bring Quebec back into the Canadian fold.

Secondly, we carry out, with the dynamic Quebec team, the Free Trade Agreement.

Thirdly, we allow the various Quebec regions to reap the social and economic benefits from the Meech Lake Accord and the Free Trade Agreement.

Only the Conservative Party could have succeeded in those three endeavours.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

GREENHOUSE EFFECT—PARLIAMENTARIANS' CONCERN ABOUT ISSUE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, last evening on the CBC *Journal* special attention was paid to the