

S. O. 31

Canada does not lose uniformity in the inspection process.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The hon. member will be recognized right after Question Period to complete his remarks.

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It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m., the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

NATIONAL TOURISM AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert): Mr. Speaker, May 14 to 20 marks Canada's fourth National Tourism Awareness Week.

Tourism is the most rapidly evolving and exciting industry in Canada today. In fact, tourism in Canada is a \$24 billion industry, employing over 630,000 Canadians. Tourism is Canada's second largest earner of foreign revenue at about \$7 billion. Last year, 15 million tourists visited Canada.

A large portion of tourism revenues goes toward municipal, provincial, and federal governments in the form of taxes. This builds roads, schools, and arenas and supports social programs—all the services that we have come to expect from our governments.

I salute the one million people involved in Canada's tourism industry and invite all Canadians to celebrate National Tourism Awareness Week. In Alberta we say: "Smile, you are a tourist attraction."

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, in 1987, the National Capital Commission announced the winning design and developers of the Daly Building on Rideau Street. Appraised for \$50 million in 1984 and

vacant for 15 years, work was to begin that summer. One of the developers went bankrupt and the project was put on hold.

After numerous technical problems, we learned in September the project was to commence again, that the architect had been fired, and that the general contractor had not begun work because the developer was unable to post a bond that would satisfy the contractors.

Finally, this past December, work did begin on the interior of the building. Incredulously, last week at the Consumer and Corporate Affairs Committee, the Chairman of the NCC told me that the building was still on schedule and she made no mention of the latest snag.

The developers now want to demolish the Rideau Street portion of the building and replace it with a replica.

The National Capital Commission must settle the problems with the Daly Building and begin to take steps to ensure that these problems never arise again. Time is money and, again, the NCC has wasted a lot of both.

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ZEBRA MUSSEL INFESTATION

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, the U.S. government has taken concrete action to address the infestation of zebra mussels in the Great Lakes. American congressmen say that the U.S. should spend \$47 million to fight the mussel nuisance before it causes billions of dollars in damage to water intake systems and to sport fishing. Senators Glenn and Heinz have introduced Bill 4214 in the House of Representatives which deals with such aquatic nuisances.

This is a common problem for states and provinces and begs various aspects of co-operation between the two federal governments. I am reminded of the successful binational control agreement for lamprey eel in the Great Lakes. This is a similar problem and demands similar binational action.

The Ontario government and the Canadian Coast Guard suggest that a soft-line voluntary compliance with controlling ballast water is sufficient to control the proliferation of this nuisance. Guidelines are not enough. I urge the government to introduce immediate discussion with the U.S. government to initiate a binational co-operative agreement to address the problem of