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NATIONAL PARKS

STAGING OF WOMEN'S WORLD CUP SKI RACES IN BANFF
NATIONAL PARK

Mr. G. M. Gurbin (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of the Environment): Mr. Speaker, Banff National Park has been welcoming Canadians and people from around the world for over 100 years. This year Parks Canada is celebrating its centennial, and one of the events that all Canadians can take pride in was the last of the 1985 Women's World Cup ski races that took place in Sunshine Village, deep in Banff National Park. To keep pace with the moment, one of Canada's many bright and capable young skiers, Miss Laurie Graham, took first place in the women's downhill race.

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This World Cup event draws attention and is a tribute to the success that our country can enjoy when we are able to maximize the co-operation between athletes representing our nation, companies like Husky Oil which sponsor them, the officials of Parks Canada managing our parks system, and the entrepreneurs in places like Sunshine Village, Banff.

The centennial of our National Parks system, Mr. Speaker, has been highlighted by this event, and it speaks volumes about what happens when we work together.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

JOB SECURITY

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and its president, Jean-Claude Parrot, have been negotiating with Canada Post for eight months in order to obtain a collective agreement that will guarantee job security. A tentative agreement has just been announced, which although it has yet to be ratified, is certainly a major achievement. Canada Post, through the collective bargaining process, has been able to obtain the flexibility it was seeking as well as a reasonable monetary settlement.

[English]

Job security for postal workers means fewer Canadians on unemployment insurance or welfare. It means continued and uninterrupted postal service. It means that small business can get on with the job it does best, creating employment for people. This agreement establishes a precedent, that it is indeed possible to negotiate job security for employees without long drawn out work stoppages, when both the employer and the employees are prepared to negotiate in good faith.

Collective bargaining can work. Mediation can help. We have a collective agreement and a settlement in the postal talks. Thank you, Mr. Parrot. Thank you, Mr. Warren. We welcome this settlement.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

QUOTAS ON IMPORTATION OF JAPANESE MANUFACTURED
VEHICLES

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, by March 31 the current quota system on Japanese car imports will expire. The Minister for International Trade (Mr. Kelleher) has stated in this House that "when Canada reaches a decision, it will be a decision in the best interests of Canada".

Until we develop and implement an automobile strategy on our own, Mr. Speaker, the automobile manufacturers, parts manufacturers, and the auto workers of Canada warn us that thousands of automobile related jobs are at risk if these quotas are not extended.

We know that Canada's strong period of growth over recent years was largely due to major investments and sales in the North American automobile industry and the quota system.

We know that the importance of the automobile industry in this country cannot be underestimated.

We know, as well, that the American decision to end quotas on imports will put our manufacturers under severe stress and strain.

Two years ago the special task report on the automobile industry recommended that the Government pursue a trade policy that would require all vehicle manufacturers to make binding commitments in investment and jobs. We would need a much more open market in Japan, or substantially more investment from the Japanese, before we should even consider dropping the quotas.

Too much is at stake for Canadian jobs and the survival of the Canadian automobile industry for the Government not to make the best decision possible for Canadians—continue the quotas.

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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DISARMAMENT

RESUMPTION OF U.S.-U.S.S.R. TALKS

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, with a new spirit of hope and peace, all the world anxiously awaits tomorrow's resumption of arms control negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Geneva talks mark a new beginning in the long and often bumpy road to world peace. We in Canada congratulate both sides for re-dedicating their efforts to the peace process. The talks will not be easy. The issues involved are complex and very detailed, offering no simple solutions or quick answers, but it is the act of negotiating the world welcomes. Progress for peace can only be accomplished through practical dialogue and meaningful co-operation.

Canadians join the world in rejoicing at the prospect of lasting nuclear arms control between the two superpowers. We