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Territories, are participating. Northern Quebec, unfortunately, was unable to come. We hope that they will be there the next time.

These games are unique for their circumpolar and aboriginal spirit. Traditional Dene and Inuit games such as the snow-snake and the high kick are prominent. Performing groups from the different nations provide fascinating entertainment.

Congratulations are due to the organizers, the many volunteers, and the athletes. The presence of the delegation from the Soviet Union is a real high point of this year's games.

The games are truly a celebration of northern culture, characterized by friendly competition and dedicated to just having fun. These games are a model for all international competitions and for harmonious relations among nations.

Canadians should rejoice that the north has opened, in friendly spirits, the means to have good international relations with the other three circumpolar nations.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA**

**Mr. Ron Fisher (Saskatoon—Dundurn):** Mr. Speaker, the decision by the Public Service Staff Relations Board determining that the government violated its collective agreement with the Public Service Alliance of Canada is good news for Canadian civil servants and the Canadian public.

It is good news for civil servants because the jobs of permanent employees will now be more secure, not threatened by the whims of this government. It is good news for the Canadian public because the truth is out. It proves what New Democrats have been saying all along, that the government has contracted out public service jobs, privatized them.

Public Service Alliance President Daryl Bean said it well: "This is a landmark decision for all public sector workers who have lost their jobs and had their careers disrupted as a result of contracting out by the federal government".

The Conservative agenda of increased contracting out and privatization has effectively been dealt a major blow by this decision. Let us hope that this is a lesson learned by all levels of government.

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**VIA RAIL**

**Mr. Al Johnson (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, we have just heard on the news that VIA Rail intends to sell by tender its surplus rail cars in the international market.

The Rocky Mountain Rail Society has requested of the minister that these cars be made available to them. This volunteer society has already rebuilt a large steam engine and has arranged the running rights for a tourist run within central Alberta.

I implore the minister to instruct VIA Rail to reconsider this action and to keep these rail cars Canadian.

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**1990 BRIER**

**Mr. J.W. Bud Bird (Fredericton—York—Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, Canada's roaring game, the 1990 Brier Men's Curling Championship, produced an unusually exciting climax to a long winter season last Sunday when the seasoned Ontario rink won the event on the very last rock over a determined young team from New Brunswick.

Congratulations certainly go to skip Ed (the Wrench) Werenich and his Ontario team for winning their second national championship, and sincere best wishes to them for further success in pursuit of world honours.

There is also understandable pride on my part for the Jim Sullivan rink from Fredericton's Capital Winter Club, with an average age of just 21 years, which indeed did provide a spectacular performance by winning two critical play-off games to reach the final and then losing only by a whisker. These curlers, all students of the University of New Brunswick, distinguished themselves in the best of Canadian competition and received a well deserved hero's welcome upon their return home.

As with all forms of excellence in national endeavours, athletic achievements—in this case curling— help to develop the spirit and the character of our country, and even more so help to preserve its unity. To all those who