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In the 1960s Canadians and Americans negotiated a deal for the auto industry that has served us well. There is no reason to believe we cannot negotiate a mutually beneficial trade agreement today.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**IMPACT OF PROPOSED CHEMICAL PLANT CONSTRUCTION AT LONE BUTTE, B.C.**

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, I have received many letters of concern about plans by Bradbury Industries to build a plant in Lone Butte, B.C., to produce Pentachlorophenol and Tetrachlorophenol. Both PCP and TTCP contain dioxins and the Bradbury plant could pose serious health risks to both the local population and those who will ultimately have to use the chemicals Bradbury plans to produce.

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Sweden has already banned the use of these chemicals, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency seems likely to ban the use of PCP in the near future. If past experience is any indication, only then will Canada, probably somewhat reluctantly, follow suit.

Why wait, Mr. Speaker? The Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) likes to talk about the dangers of living in a chemical society and has promised tough legislation. If the Government is serious about controlling toxic chemicals, I suggest it could show some leadership in this area by moving quickly to ban the use of PCP and other chlorophenols that pose serious health risks to humans and, in so doing, remove the rationale for the Bradbury plant altogether.

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TRADE**CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—IMPORTANCE TO BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Mrs. Mary Collins (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian and British Columbia economies depend heavily upon competitive and aggressive marketing of goods and services in the international market-place. In British Columbia exports account for 34 per cent of our gross domestic product, and close to half of these exports are to the United States.

We in the Government have made a commitment to finding and sustaining markets for B.C.'s coal, lumber, fish, minerals, manufactured products and services. Unfortunately this commitment is not shared by the Liberals and their Leader, the Member for Vancouver Quadra (Mr. Turner), who refuse to recognize the entrepreneurial spirit of British Columbians and their determination to compete in the free market-place.

At least we now know where the Liberals stand on a new trade agreement with the U.S.—with their backs to the border and their heads in the sand.

We in British Columbia believe that as Canadians we can hold our own against the best the world has to offer. We are not afraid; we are strong. One only need look at Expo 86 to realize that we can meet—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES**PROSECUTIONS FOR USE OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGE IN QUEBEC**

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, if you walk down Rideau Street here in Ottawa you will see signs above the stores, not only in English and French but in Chinese, Italian, and other languages. Such will be found to be the case in most other cities in Canada and throughout the free world. Only repressive regimes seek to stamp out the liberty of individual small business people to advertise their businesses in the language of their choice.

Therefore, those of us who have anything of a sense of freedom and fair play cannot stand idly by when the Liberal Government of Quebec prosecutes, fines, and chastises store owners for the sole reason that they choose to advertise their businesses in one of the official languages of Canada rather than the other.

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CANADA PENSION PLAN**BILL C-116—CREDITS ACQUIRED DURING MARRIAGE**

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I should like to express concern over a particular aspect of Bill C-116 to amend the Canada Pension Plan.

Hon. Members would know that this field comes under the joint jurisdiction of the federal and provincial Governments. The eleven Governments have had important discussions in recent months and they reached the conclusion that, in divorce cases, the Canada Pension Plan credits acquired during marriage would automatically be shared by spouses when married couples or common law partners separate.

Mr. Speaker, the provinces and the federal Government have agreed on these very important measures but, unfortunately, they are not included in Bill C-116. I wonder who lays down the law in the Department of Justice! The public