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REDUCTIONS AT CFB PENHOLD

Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, Penhold is a small town of about 1,500 people located about 20 kilometres south of Red Deer. Last weekend I had the opportunity to meet with provincial and civic leaders from Penhold, Innisfail, and Red Deer to discuss the formation of a committee to look into ways to offset the impact of the reductions at Canadian Forces Base Penhold.

This committee met again on Wednesday of this week. Calling themselves the Penhold Economic Revitalization Committee, they are going to investigate the full impact of the reductions, discuss alternatives, and develop a plan for the future, using the resources of the Community Futures Program. I salute the constructive spirit shown by these community leaders. They are not shouting and wildly protesting, nor are they sitting back hoping for a miracle cure. They are translating their concerns into concrete, positive action. Their sights are set on the future of their community. I give them my full support. Their dedication bodes well for the future of Penhold.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

REAL WOMEN—ALLEGED MISUSE OF PUBLIC FUNDS

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, in committee yesterday, when I questioned the Minister responsible for the status of women, she said that REAL women, according to anecdotal evidence she had, had misused public funds.

This was in relation to an REAL conference funded by the Government in which the credibility of every female Supreme Court Justice was apparently attacked, simply because they were women; and serious misinformation about child care, about women in the military, and about lesbians and gay men was disseminated.

Since that conference, I have received copies of letters from the Secretary of State (Mr. Weiner) justifying the funding of the conference, stating that the funding was in every way consistent with the Government's equality criteria.

The Secretary of State refuses to acknowledge that working for equality does not mean telling people that children in child care will become partial psychopaths.

I hope he will at least listen to his own status of women Minister—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member.

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[*Translation*]**THE ECONOMY**

DEVELOPMENT OF AID PROGRAM FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the federal program to assist local community development provides major support for the Abitibi economy.

The Senneterre business assistance centre, which covers Barraute, Lebel-sur-Quévillon, Malartic and Senneterre, has just presented its fourth annual report.

Since its first year, the centre has invested \$1,700,000, generating \$8,200,000 of investment and \$25,500,000 of business and creating 90 jobs and maintaining 143, for a grand total of 233 jobs.

The 1989-90 plan shows no slowdown because 123 jobs are to be created during this period with a subsidy of \$879,000, generating total investments of \$3,900,000.

Mr. Speaker, that is the excellent work done by general manager Jean G. Gobeil and his staff under chairman Louis Marie Dubreuil and members of the board of directors.

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[*English*]**FISHERIES**

ALLEGED HARASSMENT BY FRENCH TRAWLER

Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception): Mr. Speaker, I was informed that earlier this week, off Fogo Island, Newfoundland, a French factory trawler harassed several Newfoundland inshore fishermen in their much smaller fishing boats. This vessel, registered in St. Malo, France, came dangerously close to these