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SPORTS

REUBEN MAYES CHOSEN NFL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

**Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure to rise in the House today to draw the attention of Members to the achievements of a Canadian sports hero. The people of my hometown are justifiably proud of Reuben Mayes, a native of North Battleford, who has inspired sports fans in a football career which began with the North Battleford Comprehensive High School Vikings and continued with the University of Washington Cougars.

We all expected great things from Reuben when he was drafted last year as a running back for the National Football League's New Orleans Saints. Last week, by a landslide vote, Reuben Mayes was chosen Rookie of the Year by the Professional Football Writers of America. He rushed for 1,300 yards in his first pro football season and has won acclaim throughout North America.

On behalf of The Battlefords, indeed of everyone in Saskatchewan, I congratulate this distinguished young Canadian, Reuben Mayes, and wish him continued success in what is clearly destined to be a brilliant football career.

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AGRICULTURE

DAIRY CATTLE RESEARCH PROGRAM—CALL FOR  
CANCELLATION

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, the Tory approach to government is waste, scandal, incompetence, and cronyism, as we have seen during the past week. However, nothing typifies this more than the phoney research project on dairy cattle by Dreamstreet Redgen which will cost the people of Canada \$55 million in a Scientific Research Tax Credit. Responsible people in agricultural research, such as Dr. Larry Milligan of the University of Guelph, have condemned the scheme and said that it has to be insanity to allow the Dreamstreet research program to go ahead.

It is really only a scheme to save big corporations millions of tax dollars and funnel millions of dollars from Canadian taxpayers back to the parent Dreamstreet tax shelter in the United States. Somewhere in the Government there is a guardian angel which allows this project to continue. Any honest, responsible Government would have cancelled it months ago.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

CENTRE FOR FRONTIER ENGINEERING RESEARCH—NEED FOR  
SPECIALIZED LABORATORIES

**Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton South):** Three decades ago, Mr. Speaker, John Diefenbaker struck a resonant chord in the hearts of all Canadians when he evoked his vision of the north. The challenge and vast potential of Canada's frontier regions are as great today as ever.

The Government of Canada has a unique opportunity before it to help this country maintain its status as a world leader in cold weather technology. I am referring to the Centre for Frontier Engineering Research. This remarkable non-profit venture is doing pioneering research on the effects of low temperature environments on materials, design, and technology. This work is vital in increasing the productivity of the petroleum, mining, construction, and shipping industries. By improving our ability to work in cold climates, frontier research is indirectly helping us to reaffirm our sovereignty over the Arctic regions.

In order to further its research, the Centre needs a facility for cold regions engineering research which would include a low temperature structural laboratory and a downhole tubulars laboratory. The private sector and the Government of Alberta support the proposal. The assistance of the Government of Canada can make these specialized laboratories a reality. I urge the Government to support this centre of high technology excellence.

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COPYRIGHT ACT

COMPREHENSIVE REVISION URGED

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview—Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, Canada's artists have been waiting since the fall of 1985 for action on a new Copyright Act. They are beginning to be very disturbed by rumours that the Government is backtracking on the excellent proposals for reform unanimously made by the Copyright Committee. In effect, we are hearing that there will not be a comprehensive new Act but only some minor plugging of loopholes.

[Translation]

There are rumors that the Government has no intention of including performers' rights in the expected legislation, even though this is a major concern for the cultural community and agencies such as *Union des artistes*. Painters and other visual artists who are already excluded from copyright also have claims to make.

[English]

The only way for the Government to put to rest these most unfortunate rumours is to bring in a Bill soon with the