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The anniversary today will be marked by pro-life Canadians all across Canada. Many will bear silent witness in front of the hospitals which perform abortions, while others will gather in their places of worship to pray for an end to this destruction of living human beings.

Alliance for Life, Campaign Life, and Coalition for Life have declared this week to be a national Week for Life in an effort to remind Canadians that human life is precious and that abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia should not be tolerated in our society. I commend them for their initiatives in bringing these issues before us.

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### CONSUMER AFFAIRS

#### FOOD IRRADIATION—CAUTIOUS APPROACH RECOMMENDED BY COMMITTEE

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, today the Standing Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs tabled its report in the House of Commons on food irradiation. It appropriately recommends that Canada take an extremely cautious approach to food irradiation, which is a procedure involving exposing food to ionizing radiation emitted from Cobalt-60 radioisotopes. These are stored in special facilities that are designed, made and sold by the Radiochemical Company unit of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd.

The report also recommends that we take the same caution before exporting this technology to the Third World, something that CIDA is not doing. There is a serious contradiction between what the committee recommends and what CIDA is doing. CIDA should immediately halt all its food irradiation projects, such as the one in Thailand, and all others that are presently on the drawing board.

CIDA should also make public, in the Third World, matters affecting the recipient country's food supply, including environmental assessments and any other studies dealing with worker health and safety. The public in the Third World should have the right to participate in any decision to adopt food irradiation technology.

It is inappropriate for us to have one standard here in Canada and another for the poor in the Third World.

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### RENDEZ-VOUS '87

#### TRIBUTE TO ORGANIZERS AND HELPERS

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec East):** Mr. Speaker, on February 5, 1987, I drew the attention of the House to a unique event that was about to take place in Quebec City, and I am referring to *Rendez-vous '87*.

Today, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the leadership of Mr. Marcel Aubut, President of *Rendez-vous '87*, who has just released a financial statement that is truly exceptional.

*Rendez-vous '87* wound up with a net surplus of \$1.5 million which will be shared among 20 non-profit agencies and various levels of Government. The federal Government had invested \$2.4 million in this event. This was a good example of co-operation between the public and the private sectors. The Progressive Conservative Government encourages valid private initiatives that make a positive contribution to the community.

Mr. Aubut's financial statement mentions the present and future impact of *Rendez-vous '87*, and according to a very reliable consulting firm, the economic spinoffs for the province of Quebec are estimated at \$18.5 million. Isn't that fantastic, Mr. Speaker?

I am therefore proud to salute the organizers of *Rendez-vous '87* and their collaborators, who were able to win the confidence of socio-economic sectors at the local and national level and were able to focus the attention of thousands of spectators.

Three cheers for a job well done!

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### HARBOURS AND PORTS

#### SMALL CRAFT HARBOURS—CONDITION OF HOISTS ON PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND WHARFS

**Mr. George Henderson (Egmont):** Mr. Speaker, I have stood in this House on many occasions to ask the Government to increase the budget for the small craft harbours program. Dependable, well-maintained harbours and wharfs are absolutely essential, and the Government's neglect is a threat to the safety of our fishermen and boaters. The Government is being penny wise and pound foolish because the condition of our wharfs will get worse and the repairs will only become more and more costly.

Many fishermen in Prince Edward Island are deeply concerned over the condition of the hoists used to handle their boats.

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Apparently some hoists have been taken out of service and replaced with winches that can lift only up to 3,000 pounds.

The fishermen believe that funds should be made available to repair the hoists deemed unsafe; and where hoists have been removed the fishermen want new ones, with suitable capacity, installed.