

However, if schools and daycare centres are an extension of the home, it is important to use the language spoken at home at the daycare centre as well as at school, so that the child will grow up in a familiar environment. And that is where the authorities have failed. It is now imperative to take the situation in hand and provide for daycare centres across the country where the official language spoken by the child in the home will be spoken and understood.

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[English]

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA

TRIBUTE TO WORK OF VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Patrick Crofton (Esquimalt—Saanich): Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday I had the privilege of addressing the annual general meeting of the Navy League of Canada. This national organization is dedicated to teaching seamanship and citizenship to some 11,000 young people in 230 Canadian communities.

Canada borders on three major oceans and possesses a longer coastline than any other nation. We are very much a maritime nation, a fact occasionally forgotten by some Hon. Members of this House. Maritime trade and maritime traffic are of vital importance to us, both from an economic and from a security point of view. Thus a knowledge of the sea, and its importance to Canada, are important lessons for young people.

The men and women of the Navy League, and the dedication of the many volunteers, do a great service to Canada through the training they offer our nation's youth. The Navy League very much deserves our recognition and appreciation for an important job well done.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—MINISTER'S APPROACH

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, again the Minister for International Trade (Miss Carney) is attacking those who oppose her free trade schemes. She has refused to debate with her critics across the country, yet she will attack them when she is safe from any reply.

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What is even worse in this case is that she is clearly trying to use the power of government assistance to make one of her critics, Mel Hurtig, retreat from the fight. How much more respect there would be for the Minister if she debated Mr. Hurtig in Edmonton instead of ominously raising the issue of how much aid his company gets from the Government.

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The economic, political and cultural case against comprehensive free trade with the U.S. is very strong. That is the argument the Minister should try to address instead of attacking her opponents. Her approach simply shows the weakness of her case.

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[Translation]

UNIONS

UTILIZATION OF DUES PAID BY MEMBERS

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, according to the Gallup poll results published in *Le Soleil* on April 11, 1987, four out of five Canadians feel that people who pay union dues should have some say in the use of funds for non-union purposes.

It is a fact that one of the Parties in this House, the New Democratic Party, is getting a substantial amount of funds from workers' payroll deductions. Incidentally, we would be interested to know which organization paid for the leader's trip to Rome to meet members of the Socialist International on April 6, 1987.

Mr. Speaker, eight out of 10 union members are against having their dues used for non-union purposes. The New Democratic Party is clearly thumbing its nose at unionized workers and at the judgment handed down on July 4, 1986, by Justice White of the Ontario Supreme Court, in which the use of these funds is challenged. So far, the Party has never clarified where it gets its funding. Will he continue to use the money of workers against their will and flout the principles of justice? These socialists who claim they will form the next Government should first clarify their sources of financing before the House.

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[English]

INDUSTRY

SYDNEY STEEL CORPORATION—DELAY IN MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, a crisis is developing in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Last February the federal Government signed a subsidiary agreement with the province regarding Sydney Steel Corporation. Yet it did not provide funding until the end of June, 1986. It did not appoint project managers until September. Then the question of market studies was thrown in the path of progress of the modernization. Those studies were done.

Then there was the problem of CN trying to renege on purchases from Sydney Steel. That was resolved just before