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As this meeting enters its final hours, I am sure I am joined by Members on both sides of the House in wishing the Status of Women Ministers success in their important deliberations on behalf of Canadian women.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

YOUNG QUEBEC FEDERAL LIBERALS—MEETING HELD AT
UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL

Mr. David Berger (Laurier): Last Tuesday, Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member for Laval (Mr. Ricard) referred to my presence at meeting of young Quebec Liberals where they passed a resolution to recognize the Palestine Liberation Organization as the chief spokesman for the Palestinians.

Had the Hon. Member had the thoughtfulness of calling me before I would have told him about a release issued on Monday, June 2, in which I dissociated myself from this resolution and explained that I was not present when that debate took place.

The resolution is particularly clumsy because it does not require the PLO to forgo violence and terrorism.

I might remind the House that recently Mrs. Thatcher made a statement to the effect that the PLO would have a role to play if were to renounce violence, otherwise other legitimate spokesmen would have to be found.

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[English]

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CANADIAN PAVILION—LISTING OF CANADIAN WINES

Mr. Joe Reid (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, Canadian wineries are on lay-off. Import wines are grabbing an ever increasing share of our domestic market, and not for reason of quality.

Can you imagine a United States pavilion, or that of France, Germany or Italy at a world trade fair or exposition promoting Canadian wines? No, you cannot. Canadians are the world's poorest promoters and salespersons. The Canadian Pavilion, Expo 86, built and paid for by Canadian taxpayers, lists only one Canadian red and one Ontario white wine in its restaurants, a few more host province wines, but a much wider range of the United States and European import products.

Was this not a show to sell Canada to the world? It is not too late yet to redraft George Hees, who once did just that. Canadian products are good. You can have confidence in them. Try them, and then you will buy them.

TRADE

U.S. TARIFF ON CANADIAN CEDAR SHAKES AND SHINGLES—
EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, the countervail action has been given the green light by President Reagan. At midnight tonight the B.C. shake and shingle industry will be sacrificed on the altar of free trade protectionism. A \$250 million cedar industry will be ruined.

Our Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), now known as the mouse that roared, leader of the banana republican party of Canada, has learned that being a patsy to the whims of the White House is bad for Canada.

On June 2 our Prime Minister wrote to President Reagan and said, "Dear Ron: I accept your apology for the communications breakdown respecting shakes and shingles. I appreciate it because this was damaging to me personally and to my Government". He said: "This incident will not alter our personal relationship. Our personal relationship is too valuable to be diminished by occasional misunderstandings."

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Well, what of the workers, the families, and the communities in British Columbia? Where is any mention of concern about softwood? Nowhere.

Our Prime Minister never phoned the President to stop the 35 per cent duty on shakes and shingles and did nothing to protect our softwood lumber industry. Thanks a lot, Brian. Canada is sorry for voting Tory.

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WAR CRIMINALS

DESCHÊNES COMMISSION—REGARD FOR JUSTICE

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Hon. Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) made an important announcement on the Deschênes Commission. Due to the illness of Justice Jules Deschênes, the Commission has been extended until September 30, 1986, when the final report will be submitted to the Government.

The Deschênes Commission will not be going to the Soviet Union or to any Eastern Bloc countries to gather further evidence. The Deschênes Commission outlined six prerequisites before it would accept an invitation to obtain evidence in the Soviet Union. The Soviets would not agree to the principle of allowing witnesses to be interviewed under Canadian rules of evidence. Justice Deschênes quite rightly refused the invitation and is now in the process of completing his report.

I commend the Commission for its pre-conditions that Canadian rules must apply for obtaining evidence for a Canadian justice commission. The Government has been generous with its time limits and looks forward to the completed report. Canada and the Deschênes Commission have acted honourably and with the highest regard for justice.