

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock p.m.

The House took recess at 1.02 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

THE AUDITOR GENERAL

TABLING OF REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1988

Mr. Speaker: I have the honour to lay upon the Table the report of the Auditor General of Canada to the House of Commons for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1988.

[*English*]

I remind Hon. Members that this document is deemed to have been permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

MONITORING BY LIBERAL PARTY

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, on this day, at the beginning of the Thirty-fourth Parliament, I thank the people of Mount Royal for once again expressing their confidence in me. I pledge my commitment to represent them to the best of my abilities. One way will be working to ensure that the Government takes full responsibility for the impact of the trade deal.

Do plant closures by Gillette in Montreal, by Pittsburgh Paints, and Catelli Spaghetti represent the wave of Canada's future? Is the trade deal making plant closing decisions such as that of Northern Telecom easier? Is that the type of future Canadians expected and voted for on November 21?

Is the Government going to take credit for plant openings because of free trade, and try to blame plant

closings on some other mysterious force? The Government will have to learn that denying the connection between job losses due to the trade deal does not change the fact that workers are losing their jobs.

Liberals will be here every day watching the Government on behalf of the people of Canada, the majority of whom did not support the trade deal. We shall monitor the negotiations to ensure that the Government does not abandon its responsibility for the Canadian workers.

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EXPANSION OF CANADIAN COMPANIES' OPERATIONS

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, free trade has already opened new opportunities for the city of Scarborough.

Next month, CDA Industries, Canada's largest display company, will open an office in Atlanta, Georgia, to pursue new markets as a result of the Free Trade Agreement. CDA's President, Mr. Vince Devitta, and the board of directors, have welcomed the free trade agreement as an opportunity for their company to expand. In fact, CDA has already negotiated a \$6.5 million U.S. order which will create new jobs at its Scarborough plant.

Canadian Thermos Products and Warner Lambert Canada, which are also located in Scarborough Centre, also plan to expand their operations as a result of free trade. Canadian Thermos expects to create an additional 60 jobs in Scarborough because of better access to the U.S. markets under free trade, and Warner Lambert has already built a new research centre.

CDA, Canadian Thermos Products, and Warner Lambert are proving that free trade will have long term benefits for Scarborough's and Canada's future.

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DISASTERS

ARMENIAN EARTHQUAKE—CANADIAN RESPONSE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my colleagues I would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest sympathies to the