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PUBLIC SERVICE ALLIANCE OF CANADA

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, for two weeks now 1,500 parole officers have been on strike. The salaries of these parole officers are 14 per cent behind those of their counterparts in Ontario and 24 per cent behind those in Quebec. Is it any wonder they want a better deal?

For two and a half years the government has been negotiating this contract. It took until this week to put a serious offer on the table and get the unions back to the bargaining table. Tension is building in the prisons across Canada. There are 8,000 parolees out in our communities without normal supervision. Tempers are rising and patience is wearing thin. Inmates are being denied family visits; absences for Christmas may be jeopardized. People eligible for parole are being kept in prison.

Just as important, included in this group of workers are those who provide services to our veterans and their survivors. They ensure that they get the social, health and financial assistance they need. It includes those who serve native Indians across Canada with alcoholism treatment programs and child protection programs. All are being denied services while the President of Treasury Board plays games.

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I urge the minister and the government to ensure that these negotiations conclude quickly so that these people can get back to work.

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FIRST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, today marks the beginning of a very important First Ministers' Conference here in Ottawa. It is obvious that there are serious problems and disagreements across our country. We would encourage all participants to look at our nation as a whole rather than as individual provinces or regions, because it is only as a whole that we will be a strong and viable nation.

I would encourage the Prime Minister to maintain his position of strong national leadership and policies of reconciliation and fairness to all Canadians. As a proud British Columbian I am firmly convinced that we need Quebec and Quebec needs us.

Thank you, Mr. Prime Minister, for your hard work and leadership in keeping us together.

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the most important industrial investment in Drummondville's history. CDM Laminates Inc., a branch of Uni-board Canada, intends to set up a new plant in my riding that will produce decorative paper facings for low-pressure panels. This is part of an industrial project that will cost over \$81 million and is expected to create 145 new jobs in the next few years.

Mr. Speaker, I am delighted with the plans for these new facilities, whose production will be mostly exported to overseas destinations but will also help replace imports.

The activities of this company will result in a major transfer of technology from Europe, which will benefit not only Drummondville but the whole country.

This project represents new industrial activity in Drummondville that will have a very positive impact on current economic development, thanks to the involvement of the Canadian Government.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I told the House that the best estimates of the amount of new carbon dioxide that will be produced by the OSLO and Hibernia projects range from 20 to 35 million metric tons. That is an increase of between 4 per cent and 7 per cent of Canada's current total CO₂ emissions.

Unfortunately these estimates are necessarily vague because as incredible as it may seem no one has yet undertaken anything approaching a thorough study of probable CO₂ emissions from OSLO and Hibernia.

The environmental impact study done on the Hibernia project in 1985 does not even mention CO₂ emissions. And, so far, no government department has yet begun a serious assessment of CO₂ emissions from OSLO.