

I wish to commend Mayor Jean Doré and the Greek diplomatic representatives as well as the Société du Palais de la Civilisation for all their hard work which has made this exhibition possible.

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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to inform the House today that the week of May 3 to 9 is Mental Health Week.

During this week the Canadian Mental Health Association sponsors events aimed at raising the public's awareness of the special difficulties of those who suffer from mental illness. It aims to reduce the stigma of mental illness and to encourage the acceptance of those who suffer from it. This year's slogan is: "Mental health is priceless".

The theme of the campaign is income security and how it relates to mental health. Although mental illness is not caused by poverty it does contribute to mental problems.

I invite all Canadians to support the Canadian Mental Health Association during Mental Health Week.

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[Translation]

PREMIER OF QUEBEC

Hon. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, I am sure all members of this House are as happy as I am at the very good news that Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa has fully recovered his health.

Mr. Bourassa is playing a major role in the harmonious development of a modern Quebec. Often that role has not been easy, but he has always come back to his task with passion and enthusiasm.

We wish him a prompt recovery, since he seems to be in excellent health, and I think that under the circumstances it is appropriate to mention this happy turn of events for Quebec, a Quebec that is seeking a modern identity, a Quebec that wants its economy to be ready to meet the challenges of a modern society.

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NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

Mr. Charles-Eugène Marin (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, this is National Forest Week, and the purpose of this annual event is to make all Canadians aware of the important role played by forest resources in our lives.

Today society is starting to realize how important our forests are to human beings and the environment. A year ago, the Canadian forestry community developed a new national forestry strategy based on sustained development.

Mr. Speaker, I think you will agree that forests play a major role, not only in this country but throughout the world, in providing for the survival and prosperity of the people of this planet.

Canada was instrumental in formulating an international policy statement on forest conservation and sustained development at the UN Conference on the Environment and Development, held in Brazil in June 1992.

National Forest Week is a time to reflect on these achievements and to prepare for future challenges.

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[English]

ENVIRONMENT

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, yesterday Maurice Strong, chair of Ontario Hydro, former chair of the earth summit in Rio and founder of the United Nations Environment Program, expressed his grave concern with this government's course of action.

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Mr. Strong was particularly disappointed by the recent cuts to foreign aid and the current restructuring of CIDA, calling it a fundamental mistake.

He was also critical of this government's lack of action in meeting its commitment to a cap on 1990 levels of CO₂ by the year 2000, commitments made under the international climate change convention.

I have repeatedly called upon this government to explain the difference between what it says it will do and what it actually delivers. Yet this government continues to place all Canadians at peril.

Let me quote Mr. Strong. He says: