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NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

CALL FOR RESOLUTION SEEKING NUCLEAR TEST BAN TREATY

Hon. Donald J. Johnston (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Mr. Speaker, on September 17 I wrote to the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) urging him to make a clear statement calling upon the United States to halt its nuclear testing immediately to match the Soviet moratorium and asking the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union to begin negotiating a comprehensive test ban without delay. This weekend Mr. Gorbachev and Mr. Reagan will be meeting in Iceland. I call upon the Secretary of State for External Affairs to seize the opportunity presented by this meeting and to provide the people of Canada with a means of sending a clear message to those two leaders through the Parliament of Canada.

I call upon the Secretary of State for External Affairs to introduce a resolution in the House forthwith exhorting the super powers to initiate concrete steps this weekend in Iceland, steps that will lead to a comprehensive test ban treaty in the near future. Canada's voice is respected. Surely there is no better occasion—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SUPPORT FOR PROGRAM OUTLINED IN SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I rise as a member of the Standing Committee on Research, Science and Technology to commend the Government on the emphasis placed in the Throne Speech on science and technology and especially on the establishment of a National Advisory Board for Industrial Technology to be chaired by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). Research and development are fundamental components of the Government's plans for economic and social development.

Working with provincial Governments, universities, and the scientific and industrial communities, the Government has set in motion a program which will lead Canada into the next century. Many have predicted that gloom and doom would be the result of technological innovation and automation. In fact, as an Economic Council of Canada study recently noted, exactly the opposite is the case. Innovation produces competitive companies, and the markets of competitive companies expand and their sales grow, generating economic prosperity for all Canadians.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS

UNIVERSAL CHILD CARE SYSTEM ADVOCATED

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, dramatic changes have occurred in Canadian families over the past decade, changes which require new government initiatives. Over 60 per cent of women are in the workforce. They need affordable child care. Over 11 per cent of families are headed by single parents, many with very low incomes. They need incomes which are above the poverty line and opportunities to get out of the welfare trap. Ninety per cent of our children are cared for in unlicensed situations or care for themselves. We must have an accessible, universal child care system.

The federal Government should celebrate Family Week with deeds, not just with words. I call on the Government to recognize all families by reindexing the family allowance and extending the child tax credit to assist average families with the cost of raising children. I thank all parents for the contributions they are making to the future of Canada.

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EMPLOYMENT

MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON MAKE-WORK PROJECTS

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my shock and disappointment at the statement made yesterday by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) who stated his intention not to implement any make-work projects this winter. Make-work projects are not a solution by themselves but they serve a useful and important role by providing much needed income to the many regions of the country that are not fortunate enough to be a part of the boom economy of central Canada.

I am not alone in urging the Minister of Employment and Immigration to take this action. People from many towns in eastern Nova Scotia have written to the Minister asking that immediate action be taken to deal with this serious human problem. The Minister has chosen to turn his back on this plea for assistance.

This Minister is no better than his predecessor. I had hoped for a more caring and compassionate Minister who would see that blindly following the Canadian Jobs Strategy has caused untold hardship to thousands of Canadians. All Canadians have been cheated, not only by this Minister but by the previous Minister.