

they fly are manned by multinational air crews from 11 of NATO's 16 nations, including Canada.

We were able to study and compare the military reserve system of Germany and Switzerland with our own. We also received briefings on defence operations at our Canadian Forces Europe headquarters in Lahr, and at our NATO and SHAPE headquarters in Belgium.

We were duly impressed with the professionalism of our men and women serving in Europe; impressed with the enthusiasm and leadership of all ranks. We departed convinced that the policy and direction of the White Paper with respect to our European commitment is valid, meaningful, and will contribute to world peace.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### ACID RAIN—UNITED STATES POSITION ON CONTROLS

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, speaking on Canada-U.S. acid rain relations, Assistant Secretary of State John Negroponete told the U.S. Foreign Relations Committee that "emission reductions cannot be defined at the present time", and that the administration's analysis of the NAPAP report shows that the administration's understanding of the scientific issues continues to support its policies. "To act now", that is to impose acid rain controls, "could have serious and unnecessary socio-economic consequences".

Will the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) admit now that despite all claims made so far by the Government of Canada, President Reagan will not deliver on acid rain? Will he admit now that Canadian expectations, whipped to a high last April in Ottawa by the Prime Minister on the occasion of President Reagan's visit, have been shattered?

Assistant Secretary of State Negroponete's statement reveals that the administration's position on acid rain pollution controls has not changed.

When he accepted the acid rain Envoys' Report, the Prime Minister gave the President an excuse for inaction for five years or more. Clearly and unfortunately the Government's acid rain policy with the United States is in shambles.

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## SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

### TRIBUTE TO DYNAMIC ENTREPRENEURSHIP OF SMALL BUSINESS COMMUNITY

**Mr. Lawrence I. O'Neil (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso):** Mr. Speaker, the theme of Small Business Week, 1987 which runs from October 25 to October 31 is "Entrepreneurship: Creating Opportunities". It is a most appropriate theme. The men and women who own and operate small businesses in Canada create employment, investment, and economic development opportunities in every region of the country. Over the last two years they have created more than 70 per cent of the new jobs in this country and contributed 25 per cent of our Gross National Product.

The federal Government recognizes and appreciates the economic importance of small businesses in Canada. We are committed to supporting and encouraging the creation of small businesses, the development of skills to ensure their successful operation, the acquisition of technological innovation, and improved access to financing and to domestic and international market opportunities.

In addition, we want to encourage more young people to choose entrepreneurship as a viable and rewarding career option. The hard work, creativity, and dynamism of Canada's small business community should serve as an example which will encourage our young Canadians to seize the opportunities afforded them by entrepreneurship.

I invite all Canadians to join with me, the Federal Business Development Bank, and the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in saluting Canada's entrepreneurs during Small Business Week, 1987.

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## THE CONSTITUTION

### PAMPHLET ON MEECH LAKE ACCORD—ABSENCE OF REFERENCE TO NORTHERN TERRITORIES

**Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my outrage at yet another example of the Government's reprehensible attitude toward the northern Territories.

I have learned that a pamphlet put out by the Government promoting the Meech Lake Accord does not even mention our northern Territories. The pamphlet talks about how the Accord strengthens the Canadian federation as well as celebrates the diversity of Canada. Diversity, Mr. Speaker, yet the diversity of the North, a third of Canada's land mass, is not even mentioned.

On the front of the pamphlet we see the flags of all provinces and the Canadian flag. By the way, the pamphlet was paid for by Canadian taxpayers including those from the