

indeed behind the backs of those Canadians sitting right here in this Parliament.

Great Britain's Parliament was recalled. The mother of democracies.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** I regret the hon. member's time has expired. It being two o'clock, the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 31.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[Translation]

### PARLIAMENT HILL

**Mr. Barry Moore (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, as a member of this House, I feel we have a special responsibility to help maintain Parliament Hill as the dominant feature of this city. The Parliament Buildings and the site as such are not only an important symbol to Canadians, they are also a symbol of Canada throughout the world.

[English]

Height controls have been maintained by agreement between the city of Ottawa and the federal government for at least 20 years. All capital cities of consequence maintain such height controls.

Increased building heights in the core of the capital city would adversely affect and compromise the Parliament Buildings as the country's most important symbol.

[Translation]

We earnestly hope that when the City of Ottawa reviews its official plan, it will take the necessary steps to protect the status of these buildings and other national symbols, for the benefit of present and future generations.

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[English]

### DOMINION TEXTILE INC.

**Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday Dominion Textile announced that it will be closing its plant in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and moving its operation to Magog, Quebec.

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This closure will cost the town some 330 jobs, in addition to the 70 jobs it lost this fall to its U.S. company. This is about one-third of the total textile jobs in all of Nova Scotia.

Textiles has been the largest employer in Yarmouth for over a century. It survived the great depression, but it will not survive this government's monetary and trade policies.

In its letter to me yesterday Dominion Textile stated in its attached press release:

— the competitive position of both the Magog and Yarmouth plants is negatively affected by low manufacturing volumes. The inevitable decision to consolidate the two operations favoured Magog because a significantly lower capital investment is required to meet the needs of our industrial products business.

I call upon this government to set up an immediate commission to study why the costs are significantly lower for capital investment in Quebec over the Atlantic provinces. Perhaps this would be a job for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency to study why in Atlantic Canada investment costs are higher and make us non-competitive.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member's time has expired.

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[Translation]

### NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

**Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne):** Mr. Speaker, this week is National Science and Technology Week, from October 12 to October 21.

More than 600 events, embracing the depths of the ocean as well as outer space, will take place in various communities across Canada. I would like to draw the attention of the House more particularly to the Rosemère amateur aerospace centre in Quebec, where children can visit "outer space" while learning about science and engineering.

During this week, Mr. Speaker, the government will organize official signing ceremonies with announcements about the latest contributions to the centres of excellence. Certificates will be awarded as well, under the Scholarship Program for 1990-1991.

I urge everyone to participate in these events with great enthusiasm, because our future lies in developing science and technology.