

I want my colleagues in the House representing east coast constituents to know, and I want maritimers themselves to know, that they are not alone in this struggle. People in the rest of Canada are with you. Those are our cod stocks as well as yours, just as our forests and our factories belong equally to every Canadian.

Fight on, because you are fighting for all of us.

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CORE AREA INITIATIVE

Mr. David Walker (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, I rise today in a moment of sadness to mark the end of the Core Area Initiative, a 10-year agreement which was very successful in reaching out to some of the most difficult problems in our society.

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Yesterday, I joined a group of Winnipeggers to mark its end. Instead of standing in front of the Core Area Initiative office as we could have for the last 10 years, we stood in front of a "For Rent" sign.

If you think of the objectives of this government, think of all the priorities that it speaks about such as child poverty. The highest rate of child poverty in the country is in Winnipeg in this area. The government has abandoned them.

You think of working families needing day care and child-parent centres. It has abandoned them. You think of single parents looking for assistance and jobs and training. It has abandoned them. You think of families needing housing. It has abandoned the housing repair program.

Every priority of this government was abandoned when it abandoned the Core Area Initiative. It is a tragic loss for Winnipeg. It is a warning for other cities and a national disgrace for this country.

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GLENGARRY TRANSPORT

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, on May 10, 1991 Glengarry Transport or GTL, the flagship of Glengarry and one of Canada's

largest trucking companies, closed its doors permanently, laying off 1,800 employees.

Needless to say, with the office of GTL being in Alexandria, Ontario, many of its employees are my constituents. Older GTL workers were told by the government that they could qualify for benefits under the Program for Older Workers Adjustment, or POWA, once their unemployment benefits ran out.

This business has been closed for 11 months. UI benefits have run out and now POWA benefits have not been approved. Last week I was told by Labour Canada officials that the approval for this application would not occur at least until November of this year, some 18 months after the closure in question.

I call upon the Minister of Labour, and especially on his provincial counterpart in Ontario, to proceed with this application forthwith and to take the necessary steps to give my constituents their benefits.

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AGRICULTURE

Mrs. Louise Feltham (Wild Rose): Mr. Speaker, the agriculture industry has seen numerous set-backs over the past year at the hands of its support industries. This is again the case as a strike by clerical workers at the Alberta Wheat Pool's Vancouver office continues to cause a shut down of the Alberta Wheat Pool terminal.

This strike must be resolved now, and any potential for future future strikes must be eliminated. The economic prosperity of agriculture and this country must be allowed to succeed.

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STANTON YELLOWKNIFE HOSPITAL

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, the barbaric practice at the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital of performing abortions with no anaesthetic is gaining national attention.

The procedure leaves women writhing in pain, increasing the possibility of error on the part of physicians. Eighty-three women have said that they underwent this torture at the hands of ill-informed doctors. Unfortunately the Northwest Territories has no College of Physicians and Surgeons to discipline the doctors who