

HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, November 18, 1987

The House met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[*Translation*]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

GOVERNMENT AID FOR DEVELOPMENT AND RENOVATION OF
OLD PORT OF MONTREAL

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): In Montreal last week, Mr. Speaker, Mayor Jean Doré told the Quebec media that the City of Montreal and the municipal administration will not accept unfair treatment with respect to Montreal Old Port development and renovation.

Mr. Doré recalled that Toronto and Vancouver had received \$140 million to help develop their old ports, and the mayor of Montreal stated that he would accept nothing less.

Current rumour has it that the federal Government will earmark only \$39 million for the development of Montreal's Old Port. I would therefore urge the Conservative Members of the Montreal metropolitan area to bring pressure to bear on the Minister of Public Works and the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion so that Montreal may get its fair share, \$140 million.

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[*English*]

WORLD ENERGY CONFERENCE

RECOGNITION OF CANADIAN ROLE

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, the World Energy Conference was founded in 1924 to study energy problems in both national and global contexts. It has 80 member countries. The world organization is headquartered in London and the active Canadian branch has its head office here in Ottawa.

It is an honour to Canada that the incoming Chairman of the International Executive Council is Mr. John Foster, former President of Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. Also,

Canada's position in the forefront of world energy developments has been recognized in the choice of Montreal as the site of the fourteenth congress of the World Energy Conference to be held in September, 1989, when the theme will be "Energy for Tomorrow".

Blessed with abundant reserves of hydrocarbons, coal, uranium, and hydro, Canada is well placed to reap future energy benefits.

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ENERGY

ETHANOL BLENDED FUEL

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources' discussion paper on oxygenated fuels confirms that 10 per cent ethanol blends are equivalent or even superior to gasoline, and that this fuel is environmentally safe and clean.

Ethanol, if properly promoted, will provide a market for surplus Canadian grains and forest wastes. Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Manitoba now have incentive programs in place for this fuel and we must ask what action we can expect from the federal Government to promote the development of this fuel in Canada.

In the meantime, why has Petro-Canada joined with other major oil companies in denouncing fuel ethanol when studies, including the Minister's own, have shown otherwise? Should not Canada's national liquid energy company be supporting ethanol development, particularly when it is using ethanol to fuel the torches in its Olympic torch relay?

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TAX REFORM

CHILD TAX CREDIT—SOCIAL JUSTICE

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, in *Le Devoir*, a taxpayer described how unfairly she was treated by our tax system. This woman, separated since 1983, is fully responsible for and has custody of her daughter. Her estranged spouse has custody of their second child and is financially responsible for