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WOMEN

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil-Papineau): Mr. Speaker, during International Women's Week, let us rejoice in the progress made by Canadian women towards economic equality, since that memorable day when for the first time in North America, New York garment workers rose up against the unfair practices they were subjected to at work.

At the last Conference of Federal and Provincial First Ministers, it was agreed to develop a strategy that would help women achieve economic equality. In this strategy, professional training and development were identified as activities that were particularly important to women.

Across Canada, the Ministers responsible for the status of women have committed themselves to developing an intergovernmental plan with the same objective in mind.

Mr. Speaker, on International Women's Day, I would urge my colleagues to continue to support our efforts to achieve equality and economic security for women.

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FISHERIES

CONSTRUCTION OF LABORATORY IN NEW BRUNSWICK—
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland-Kent): Mr. Speaker, in 1984, the Government promised to build a new fisheries building in Shippegan, New Brunswick. When the Hon. Member for Vancouver South (Mr. Fraser) was Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, he also made a commitment to have the laboratory built.

In fact, tenders were made and the necessary funding totalling \$1.7 million had been released. The Minister had also informed the Chamber of Commerce of Shippegan that the project would start in May 1986.

However, when the Deputy Prime Minister took over the Fisheries Department, he soon put a stop to the project.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister should immediately proceed with construction on this laboratory which is vital to the fisheries industry in New Brunswick.

Mr. Speaker, I think this is just another example of how this Government has decided to ignore the Atlantic region and the fisheries industry.

[English]

PEACE

MESSAGE FROM BAHA'I UNIVERSAL HOUSE OF JUSTICE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, on October 24, 1985, the Universal House of Justice, the supreme governing body of the Baha'i faith, addressed a statement to the people of the world on the theme of peace. I have a copy of the message which was presented to me by the Baha'i community of East St. Paul, Manitoba. I recommend it to Hon. Members of the House who are concerned about the peace issues, and I should like to quote from it briefly:

Whether peace is to be reached only after unimaginable horrors precipitated by humanity's stubborn clinging to old patterns of behaviour, or is to be embraced now by an act of consultative will, is the choice before all who inhabit the earth.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

PROGRAMS TO ASSIST ATLANTIC CANADA

Mr. Pat Binns (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, Atlantic Canada is now the place to do business. The Government is providing greater opportunity to the Atlantic region than at any time since John Diefenbaker. The newly announced Atlantic Enterprise Program will guarantee term loans up to 85 per cent of their value, and will provide an interest write-down of 6 per cent for new and expanding operations. Business ventures in areas such as tourism, manufacturing, and processing, related service sectors, and primary industries, will qualify.

Another new program is the Atlantic Opportunities Program administered through the Department of Supply and Services. It will create 20,000 man-years of employment. It will increase Atlantic purchasing by 40 per cent and spend \$600 million over the next four years to achieve this goal.

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Regional development incentives also continue. In my riding of Cardigan, 50 per cent investment tax credits are available this year to manufacturers, and will continue at 40 per cent.

It is time to take ideas off the shelf. It is time to put them into action. Atlantic Canada is going to boom again, thanks to the Mulroney Government which is creating a new spirit of enterprise. We now have the program to match the opportunities. I urge the business community to respond to the challenge.

Mr. Speaker: Sixty seconds, please.