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What else can one say, but "Thank you very much, Guy Descary."

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[English]

TRADE

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, last week New Democrats started a tour across Ontario to speak out against the government's plans for free trade with Mexico.

One steelworker in Hamilton said: "This agreement will probably hurt us more, hurt our jobs, hurt us socially, than the deal with the United States". Yet today Canadian cabinet ministers are in Mexico. They have done nothing to show Canadians that such a deal will not lose as many jobs. They have done nothing to prove that the Mexican human rights record deserves special trade benefits from Canada. Yet the Conservatives supported by the Liberals go forging ahead.

We in the New Democratic Party say that it is time to stop. It is time to put people and Canada first rather than profits for companies that want to produce with low Mexican wages.

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[Translation]

SMOKED HERRING INDUSTRY

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Beauséjour): Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the House to the current crisis in the smoked herring industry in Cap Pelé, New Brunswick.

The industry has come to a standstill, now that Haiti, its biggest market, has practically closed its doors to this trade. Plants will have to close and workers will be laid off. In Beauséjour, these lay-offs will hurt.

There is a temporary solution, but that depends on the Minister of Fisheries. The minister could use the Fisheries Prices Support Board to help the plants through this crisis.

[English]

I urge the government to act now through the Fisheries Prices Support Board and save the jobs in the herring industry in southeast New Brunswick.

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

Mr. Ross Stevenson (Durham): Mr. Speaker, it is well recognized that we have been losing the competitive edge for world markets. There are no quick fix solutions, but total quality management is becoming the criterion for progressive competitive companies on this continent.

It involves the employees and management working harmoniously in complete dedication to producing the highest quality goods and services by knowing and even exceeding customers' expectations.

As a national initiative total quality management will ensure lasting global competitiveness regardless of external considerations such as wage levels, interest, exchange rates or environmental costs. With Canada once again recognized world-wide for the quality of its goods and calibre of its people we will all enjoy a better quality of life.

I urge the federal government to encourage total quality management programs throughout Canada.

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EAST TIMOR

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, this morning the BBC reported that the Government of Australia is reconsidering its formal recognition of Indonesia's sovereignty over East Timor in response to the recent massacre of close to 200 unarmed Timorese.

Canada has in recent years recognized Indonesia's rule in fact. This runs against the grain of international efforts to shed light on the horrendous human rights violations in East Timor. The International Red Cross has been denied access. Human rights workers are steering clear of the area as there are allegations that they are forcing the disappearance of witnesses to the massacre.

Will the government take immediate action to suspend Canadian aid to Indonesia until the review of Canadian aid and commercial activities in Indonesia is completed and will it press the UN Security Council for full implementation of Security Council resolutions 389 and 384? These are very strongly worded resolutions which direct Indonesia to withdraw its troops completely and