

negotiating an acid rain agreement with the United States, by implementing the Ozone protocol signed in Montreal in 1987 and by pursuing international efforts to control toxic emissions and to stimulate the evolution of international institutions in environmental matters.

To support its efforts for environmental protection, the Government has altered its operational practices and enlarged the responsibilities of the Minister of the Environment.

The Speech from the Throne also pointed out the importance we give to social programs, especially those meant for the family, seniors and low-income people.

The Government has also restated its commitment to establish a national child care program. It will continue to fight family violence and child abuse.

We will also improve the Young Offenders Act so as to better protect the rights of society, while advancing the rehabilitation of young offenders.

• (1220)

[*English*]

Mr. Speaker, Canadians have shown that they want to get on with the job ahead. They know that we still face formidable challenges as a society and as a country. Canadians also know that they can count on this Government.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Gibeau: They know they can count on this Government to set the right course and to stick to it. The Speech from the Throne is a clear indication of our resolve.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Speaker, Canada has a rendez-vous with the future. The Speech from the Throne shows us the way to go. I therefore enthusiastically support the motion by the Hon. Member for Calgary Southeast (Mr. Richardson) on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): On questions or comments or a point of order?

Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra): I want to call it one o'clock, Mr. Speaker, if that is within the orders of the House. I might say those were two excellent speeches.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I believe there is agreement to call it one o'clock.

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this day.

The House took recess at 12.30 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, today marks the fortieth anniversary of the birth of NATO.

For 40 years the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has provided a forum for political and military consultation for 60 membership nations.

Today the 16 membership nations, of which we are one, are able to present a united front in the aim to defuse tensions and bring about lasting world peace. This is a far cry from the road we were on 40 years ago.

For the first time, last year France attended a NATO summit meeting. Spain is playing a bigger part in NATO activities. Greek and Turkish relations are moving in a positive direction.

Canada's role in NATO is not only military in nature, but it is symbolic of our close relationship with our European allies.

Our continued membership in NATO is therefore paramount to the success and survival of an organization that has played a crucial part in achieving political stability, global peace and security.

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[*Translation*]

NATIONAL FILM BOARD

OSCAR TROPHY AWARD

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, on March 29, 1989, on the occasion of the National Film Board's 50th Anniversary, Mr. Marcel Masse, Canada's Minister of Communications, accepted an honorary Oscar granted by the Hollywood Academy of Arts and Sciences to the NFB's filmmakers for the excellence of their productions.