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## FORESTRY

## LUMBER EXPORTS TO U.S.—THREAT FROM TARIFFS

**Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission—Port Moody):** Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate National Forest Week. It is an occasion for all Canadians to realize the importance of this natural renewable resource. One out of 10 Canadian jobs is related to the forest industry. In British Columbia, forestry is our lifeblood. We cannot allow our lifeblood industry to fall prey to protectionist measures in the United States.

The current threat of a 35 per cent U.S. tariff on red cedar shakes and shingles would be devastating to the B.C. economy and particularly to the Mission-Port Moody area. U.S. President Ronald Reagan must surely understand that the imposition of this tariff would not only destroy an important Canadian export industry, it would derail our vital trade negotiations. Let us celebrate our forests and our future during National Forest Week by working towards freer trade in the forestry sector.

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## CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, this week is National Forest Week and my Party, the New Democrats, call upon the Government to start recognizing the importance of forestry to our economy and to our way of life. Forestry is the largest contributor to our country's trade balance. One out of every 10 jobs is dependent on a healthy viable woodland. The Government of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) still refuses, however, to make good on its 1984 promise to create a full federal Ministry of Forests. Such a ministry, when combined with a Forest Industries Act, would consolidate the present hodge-podge of programs buried inefficiently among a dozen Departments and set a course for real job opportunities. The Prime Minister and his Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew) could have taken this initiative at the National Forest Congress last month. Instead we got a \$4 million advertising campaign to inform the Canadian public about our forests. The Canadian public is past being informed about the depletion of our forest base and now want action. Four million dollars could plant and grow 9.5 million seedlings. Less than five cents out of every dollar taken in by Government is returned to grow and tend our forests. We need action, not propaganda.

## CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

## TRIBUTE TO WORLD WAR II CANADIAN DEAD

**Mr. Jim Jepson (London East):** Mr. Speaker, today marks the 41st anniversary of the end of the Second World War. On May 8, 1945, for those nations who fought the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis, world peace was finally within sight. Canadian troops in Europe began preparing for the return home to families and friends and to the lives they had left behind. Of the 570,000 troops who served overseas, 45,000 would never return. Their devotion to Canada and their commitment to freedom is not forgotten.

The contribution made by Canadians and Newfoundlanders to the allied in Europe will never be forgotten. It was a contribution characterized by loyalty and courage. As we reflect upon the devotion of our Canadian troops in the past to this country and its freedoms, we must ask ourselves what we are doing today not only to honour their memory but to fulfil our commitment to maintaining world peace.

Forty-one years ago Canadian men and women looked ahead to a world free from conflict and war. Today we must be realistic. It is not a perfect world and we can only do justice to the memory of those who fought and those who gave their lives for peace—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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## PORT ALBERNI—FOREST CAPITAL OF CANADA—GIFT OF WHITE SPRUCE SEEDS

**Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo—Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, the best kept secret in Canada is the importance of our forest industry to our national economy. This week we are letting a lot of people in on the secret because this week is National Forest Week in Canada. I am proud that the city of Port Alberni in my riding was chosen as the forest capital of Canada for 1986 by the Canadian Forestry Association. Earlier this week, the Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew) and I participated in the opening ceremonies of Forest Week in Port Alberni. To mark the occasion today we are providing the Members of this House, the Senate and the Parliamentary Press Gallery with superior white spruce seeds. They are available this afternoon in the lobby of the House of Commons.

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I know I speak for the citizens of Port Alberni, Canada's forest capital, when I express the hope that National Forest Week will create a tidal wave of support for our number one industry. Our forests are our future.