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On behalf of the federal New Democrats, I would like to say congratulations and thanks to all the Canadian Olympic competitors, to the people of Calgary, and to the many staff and volunteers without whom the 1988 games would not have been possible.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, Canadians are proud of the Fifteenth Olympic Winter Games which have just ended in Calgary.

As spokesman for the Ottawa area, I am especially proud of our—

[English]

Some Hon. Members: Time! Time!

[Translation]

Mr. Cassidy: —of the performance of our skater, Elizabeth Manley, winner of the silver medal, as well as of the success of all the athletes. Thank you, Calgary! It was a great success.

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

METHOD OF FINANCING

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, allow me to make a short commercial. It is aimed at those . . .

Some Hon. Members: Timing!

[English]

Some Hon. Members: Time, time!

Mr. Speaker: There are some instances, one, I suppose, would be in the interests of the Olympic movement and expressing thanks to Calgary, in which the Speaker can overlook the clock. If there is some call that I exercise the strict rules, I will, of course, do so. However, the Hon. Member for Lévis (Mr. Fontaine) had only just got started.

[Translation]

Mr. Fontaine: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and I hope you will allow me to make a short commercial. It is aimed at those who would like to go on a trip to sunny climes at the expense of the socialist party. This party has set up a contest combining the pleasant with the useful. Your financial contribution to the socialist party could allow you to win a trip and even to meet socialist authorities in a few countries.

Thus, the socialists will perhaps be in position to pay their long distance phone calls, because since Wednesday last, the telephone code number of the Hon. Member for Oshawa, Mr. Broadbent that is No. 22843864, is cancelled. They perhaps need money to pay their long distance calls to Quebec?

[English]

TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—EFFECT ON SOUND RECORDING INDUSTRY

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, sound recordings reflect the cultural life of Canada. We rank among the world's largest consumers. Listening to recorded music ranks third as the most popular leisure time activity following watching television and reading newspapers. In the international market, recorded music is Canada's most widely rated cultural product.

Last Thursday I was privileged to participate with the "who's who" of Canadian music in the first forum on free trade and its effect on the recording industry. CITY-T.V. is to be congratulated on this outstanding initiative. This industry was unanimous in its concerns. It is upset that it was never consulted about the devastating effects the removal of the 13.5 per cent tariff will have on imported records and tapes and the positively nefarious "notwithstanding" clause impact on the \$700 million recording industry.

These measures will place our recording artists on the fringes of their own domestic market, with Canadians singing Born in the U.S.A. rather than Alberta Bound. Liberals know Canadian songs have something to say and want to promote Canadian music to reflect Canadian values and experiences.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

CALL FOR LEGISLATION TO ENSURE CORRECTIVE ACTION BY POLLUTERS

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, for years the drinking water of 5 million Canadians has been threatened by chemicals leaking from dump sites along the American side of the Niagara River. Last week a United States court ordered the Occidental Chemical Corporation to pay the costs of cleaning up one of those dump sites, the notorious Love Canal. This decision was made under the provisions of the U.S. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, legislation that compels American polluters to correct their past mistakes.

To the great credit of our Government, Parliament is presently studying the new Canadian Environmental Protection Act aimed at preventing future pollution. What we need now is our own version of the U.S. Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act to compel Canadian polluters to correct their past mistakes as well.