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The model forests will clearly represent the leading edge of Canada's commitment to sustainable development.

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ISRAEL

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, in 1975 the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 3379 declaring that Zionism is a form of racism.

Canada vigorously opposed that resolution then and we should certainly join in current efforts at the UN to repeal it today. At the same time, Canada must make it very clear to the Israeli government that UN Security Council resolutions on the Middle East, particularly 242 and 338, must be respected. Israel's ongoing violation of international law in the occupied territories including deportations, collective punishment, detentions and violence, and in particular illegal settlements must stop now.

Certainly Canada must extend no loan guarantees to Israel until these fundamental violations of international law and UN Security Council resolutions end. There will only be lasting peace when Arab countries end their state of war against Israel and when the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people to self-determination and statehood have finally been realized. The suffering has gone on far too long.

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THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was delighted to hear in the Canadian constitutional renewal proposal the government saying: "The charter of rights should be amended to guarantee property rights".

In May 1988 my private member's motion to add the words "and the enjoyment of property" to section 7 of the charter was adopted by a vote in the House of Commons.

Had Meech Lake passed, the Prime Minister in April 1987 assured Canadians that other constitutional issues such as property rights would be dealt with.

As a member of Parliament, I am pleased that a backbencher can sometimes succeed in bringing about major constitutional reform, first through a successful vote in the House and now through the Prime Minister

who, true to his word, has included that same constitutional issue of property rights, for which I lobbied, in the Canadian proposal for constitutional renewal.

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FISHERY

Mr. Joe McGuire (Egmont): The lobster fishing industry in Prince Edward Island remains in a chaotic state because of the stubborn refusal of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to rescind its decision on increased carapace size and to roll back the minimum size in all P.E.I. districts to the former 2.5 inch measure.

The situation concerning carapace size has reached the point of absurdity. P.E.I. has three different fishing zones and three different carapace sizes in effect. Fishermen who live across the road from one another may fish in two different zones and, as a result, not have equal opportunity to earn a living. Buyers in the eastern sector may end up with lobsters from two different zones and two different minimum sizes in the same truck.

What the government should do is roll back the increases already in effect in Districts 25 and 26A. Fishermen in District 25 suffered a decrease of over 25 per cent in the last two years. There is a market for small lobsters. There is no conservation problem. There is no reason to continue this policy.

I ask the minister to put an immediate freeze on all further scheduled increases, to study the disastrous effects the increases have already had and to listen to the voices of the fishermen and processors. If he does these things I am sure he will rescind his earlier decision—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's time has expired.

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THE CONSTITUTION

Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton Southwest): Mr. Speaker, it is a good beginning. The proposals tabled by the Prime Minister yesterday *Shaping Canada's Future Together* are precise where needed, open-ended where necessary.

Most English speaking Canadians readily recognize the distinctiveness of Quebec, with its unique language, culture and civil code. However, many of these same people balked at the Meech Lake notion of "distinct society", fearing the unknown. The proposed section 25.1 should dispel these fears by spelling out the meaning of the concept and its limitations.