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LABOUR RELATIONS

FAIR WAGE GUIDELINES—APPLICATION TO KAMLOOPS ARMOURY CONTRACT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, the Davis-Bacon Act in the United States of America establishes a federal fair wage guideline for all federal Government construction projects. In Canada we also have a federal fair wage guideline that accompanies most federal Government contracts. There is some question whether these federal fair wage guidelines are being followed by certain contractors and their sub-contractors on major federal construction projects. For example, with the federal Government's armoury construction contract in Kamloops there have been suggestions that perhaps the federal fair wage guidelines are not being followed.

Since many of these federal contracts have been awarded to non-union contractors, it is very important that Labour Canada ensures that these guidelines are being adhered to. These guidelines are the only real protection that workers on these sites have to ensure that they receive a fair and equitable wage. Therefore I urge the Government to take whatever action is necessary to monitor federal projects in an effort to ensure contract compliance with federal fair wage guidelines.

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NATIONAL REVENUE

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY TASK FORCE HEARINGS

Mr. John McDermid (Brampton-Georgetown): Mr. Speaker, the Progressive Conservative Task Force on Revenue Canada has completed its cross-Canada hearings. People from all walks of life made representation to the members of the Task Force, most capably chaired by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Wellington-Dufferin-Simcoe (Mr. Beatty), and all Canadians owe this Task Force a debt of gratitude.

Constituents of mine, Lou and Doris Kannon, bravely appeared before the Task Force and told their story of the tax Department presently threatening them with seizure of their property if they missed another payment of \$700 a month. In 1980, Lou Kannon was in a coma after a serious fall, and the tax Department demanded \$4,300 in taxes. The family contacted me early in 1981 and arrangements were made to pay \$400 a month, plus a cash payment of \$1,000 to Revenue Canada.

Because of health problems, a payment was missed. Then Revenue Canada demanded \$700 a month payments. While Mr. Kannon is just now back at work, it was impossible to

meet last month's payment on time. Then there was the threat of seizing their property, the last thing they have besides each other. Lo and behold, after their appearance before the Task Force, officials of Revenue Canada are now willing to sit down and negotiate a realistic repayment schedule.

The Progressive Conservative Task Force on Revenue Canada made the point loud and clear that this harassing must stop, and humane and fair treatment must be the watchword of Revenue Canada. Could this action mean they are starting to listen? For the sake of all Canadians, I hope so.

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[Translation]

INDIAN AFFAIRS

INDIAN RIGHTS IN LABRADOR

Mr. André Maltais (Manicouagan): On several occasions, Mr. Speaker, I have risen in the House to censure the Province of Newfoundland for denying native people in the Labrador region of Quebec the right to go fishing, trapping and hunting in the Labrador region of Newfoundland. Time and again the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has made representations to the Newfoundland Government to make sure that the rights of native people would be respected in Newfoundland's Labrador region.

Bearing in mind that negotiations have repeatedly ended in a stalemate, very soon I will join the Quebec Montagnais and Naskapis of the Labrador region and march on Newfoundland territory to uphold their right to trap and fish in that province's Labrador territory.

Mr. Speaker, I would suggest that a show of solidarity is needed so that at long last the Indians will be free to live according to their traditions in those northern reaches of Quebec and Newfoundland. Since Newfoundland has so far turned a deaf ear, as Member for Manicouagan representing those people, I will march right along with them on Newfoundland territory to show peacefully that Indians do have rights which must be respected throughout Canada and that the Government of Newfoundland is ill advised to prevent them from living in accordance with Amerindian customs.

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MEDICAL CARE

NURSING SERVICES IN NORTHERN COMMUNITIES

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, over wide areas of Canada's North, medical services in the settlements are provided by nurses in the employ of the Department of National Health and Welfare. The dedication and hard work of these nurses are to be applauded as they have been responsible for upgrading community health standards for many years. Since these nurses work alone without direct