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persons per 1,000 manufacturing employees, in Japan there are 12, and in Canada there are only 4.

Investment in research and development will pay tremendous dividends. Last year's \$70 million IRAP program will result in \$1.5 billion in new sales, of which \$420 million will be paid in federal and provincial taxes, and will result in 12,000 full-time jobs.

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

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### POULTRY INDUSTRY

KENTVILLE, N.S.—REBUILDING OF RESEARCH FACILITY  
ADVOCATED

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of the House the request for Government assistance from the Chicken Producers' Association of Nova Scotia. In June, 1985, a research building used to house a facility that developed better strains of poultry was destroyed by fire.

The \$350,000 cost of reconstruction of a broiler breeder research facility at Kentville, Nova Scotia, is a minuscule amount when one considers that the wholesale value of the Canadian poultry meat sector is over \$1 billion. Furthermore, the advances in feed efficiency, embryo survival rates, and increases in egg size have all led to annual revenue increases of many tens of millions of dollars for the Canadian poultry industry.

Quite simply, reconstruction of this particular facility would pay for itself many times over through increased efficiency and by assuring that Nova Scotia will continue to make its contribution to the billion dollar Canadian poultry industry.

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[Translation]

### THE ECONOMY

GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

**Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis):** Mr. Speaker, while there are continuing signs of the successful impact of our Government's policies, such as lower interest rates, less unemployment and increasing economic activity, our Government is pursuing its efforts to smooth the way for the private sector so that manufacturing and business can expand. A review has started of the excessive, obsolete, omnipresent, crushing and demoralizing body of regulations that business has to cope with.

On the basis of the Nielsen Report, the Standing Committees of the House will soon be making recommendations to the

Parliament of Canada to rid business of the burden imposed by a Liberal bureaucracy.

Implementing the recommendations of the Nielsen Report will have a salutary effect on the \$110 billion federal Budget, and our proposals for amendments to legislation will help business be more competitive on world markets.

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[English]

### TRADE

CANADIAN LUMBER EXPORTS

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, a crucial vote may be taken in the U.S. Senate Finance Committee tomorrow on fast track free trade negotiations with Canada.

The forces of protectionism in the U.S. Congress have produced some 300 Bills in the past year, and there is a widely held view that the Reagan administration has dropped the ball on trade matters.

Canada's forestry industry contributed \$26 billion to our economy last year, employed directly over 300,000 workers, and generated a net trade surplus in excess of \$11 billion. We hold 35 per cent of the U.S. market in softwood lumber which is 72 per cent of our export, with a further 12 per cent to Europe and 6 per cent to Japan.

In the British Columbia Northwest we have a unique opportunity to retool our mills for markets outside the United States.

Spruce pine fir from British Columbia is recognized as the price-setting carburetor for North America. With respect to our largest freely traded commodity we hear screams from Congress for quotas, tariffs, about cartels, orderly marketing procedures, and so on.

We should do all we can to diversify into the Pacific Rim, European, and other markets, due to our vulnerability to growing U.S. protectionism.

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### THE MONARCHY

SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY OF HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound—Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special homage to a truly vibrant and magnificent lady on her sixtieth birthday. She has always had a reputation for congeniality and fairness toward all mankind.

This charming and forthright individual has set foot on Canadian soil 15 times in the past 35 years. She knows more about Canada than many of our own inhabitants, having been the special guest at a myriad of events from coast to coast.