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I remind Hon. Members that under Standing Order 69(1)(q) this Report is deemed to have been permanently referred to the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. I am also pleased to introduce to the House the Auditor General, Mr. Kenneth Dye.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

SEARCH AND RESCUE

TRIBUTE TO RESCUERS OF CREW OF CARGO VESSEL "UNISOL"
WRECKED ON ÎLE DUPUIS, AT CHANDLER, P.Q.

Mr. Alexandre Cyr (Gaspé): Madam Speaker, unfortunately, tragedies are often used as a pretext in the House to present grievances to the Government and to discredit the work of departmental employees and members of the armed forces. Today, I would like to remind the House that on December 7, thirty to forty-foot waves swept along the Gaspé coast, causing serious damage. The Peruvian freighter *Unisol* was wrecked on the reefs of Île Dupuis near Chandler. At 8.30 a.m., the Quebec Provincial Police at Chandler informed the Coastguard of the freighter's situation, asking that help be sent immediately to rescue the crew. Two Canadian Forces helicopters were dispatched from the Summerside Canadian Forces Base in Prince Edward Island. The rescue operation took place in extremely difficult circumstances, with fifty-mile-an-hour winds. At 12.30 p.m., the thirty-four crew members and pilot Milton Molloy were on dry land. Today, I wish to pay tribute to the members of the Canadian Forces who took part in this rescue operation, to the Coastguard, members of the Quebec Provincial Police in Chandler and the municipal police who co-ordinated emergency measures to rescue the crew of the *Unisol*.

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AGRICULTURE

CALL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF STABILIZATION PROGRAM FOR
APPLE GROWERS

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Madam Speaker, I would like to draw to the attention of the Government the pending request for a stabilization program for all Canadian apple growers for the 1982-83 season. In view of the fact that an initial request for assistance of this nature was primarily requested in February of this year, and that the Agriculture Stabilization Board, after receiving market returns, has reviewed this matter and has now sent the findings to the

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Cabinet for a final decision, on behalf of the apple growers in my riding of Grey-Simcoe and across Canada I would like to urge the Government to take serious steps to ensure the establishment of this much needed assistance as soon as possible.

As the Government knows, it is essential that all Canadian apple growers receive such assistance when warranted, so that they can properly operate their farms and remain viable. I therefore ask that the Government please respond to this request and take the necessary action to compensate and resolve these problems by initiating a stabilization program for the apple growers as soon as possible.

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FISHERIES

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SOUGHT FOR WEST COAST
INDUSTRY

Mr. Ted Miller (Nanaimo-Alberni): Madam Speaker, the Government in its Throne Speech indicated some major funding for Atlantic Canada in terms of \$200 million being put to work improving fish grading, freezer facilities, and other measures of benefit to independent processors. It has also recently contributed \$138 million to the restructuring of the industry on that coast, so it is over \$338 million.

The Throne Speech also mentions the Pacific Fishery. The commercial, native, as well as the sports fishery are mentioned. The speech indicates that it is an important national resource. The Government recognizes that the problems of this essential West Coast industry require urgent attention. That is all the attention that it gets in the Throne Speech.

The answers to our problems in British Columbia are not to slash the fleet by one half, or to reduce the Salmonid Enhancement Program for two years, or to pit one user group against the other user groups in the industry. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané) must commit his Government to an emergency program of expenditure for a 20 per cent commercial fleet reduction, to an increased commitment to SEP, and to greater enforcement and research capability while beefing up habitat protection. He must also make a commitment to ignore some of the advice from his bureaucracy and policy advisers and to listen to his industry advisers whom he appointed to the ministerial advisory committee with the express purpose of dealing with the Pearse Report. The West Coast fishermen ask no less and no more than his East Coast—

Madam Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.