

Since his arrest thousands of people around the world have worked for his freedom and that of his wife, Irina. Nowhere has this effort been more intensive than in Canada where hundreds of academics and others have worked to secure Orlov's release from the Soviet Union.

I want to bring this long and successful effort to the attention of the House, and of all Canadians, as we celebrate their first few days in the West. I congratulate those, including colleagues in this House, who worked long and diligently to put pressure on the Soviet Government regarding this subject. I particularly wish to note the efforts of the Canadian Committee of Scholars and Scientists and its secretary, Professor Israel Halperin, of the University of Toronto.

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NARCOTICS

SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION AGAINST DRUG ABUSE

Mr. Elliott Hardey (Kent): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) is correct in moving now to wage a campaign against the spreading use of narcotics by Canadians. Even though seizure of illegal drugs was valued at \$335 million by June of 1986—\$100 million more than the total in 1985—the traffic goes on. The volume of drugs being consumed by Canadians is going up, taking a tragic toll in wasted lives, broken families, and spreading crime. For more than two decades Canadian young people have grown up in a climate of tolerance, even the promotion of drug use. Consuming drugs has now become acceptable among successful professionals.

To change this attitude the Government must enlist the help of all leaders of society, including artists and entertainers. When we infuse in our culture a truly persuasive bias against drug use, only then can enforcement of laws against narcotic trafficking have much hope of success.

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NUCLEAR ENERGY

HAZARDS POSED BY SUNKEN SOVIET NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, the sinking of a Soviet nuclear-powered, nuclear-armed submarine once again points out the contempt for the future and for questions of inter generational morality that is involved in the commitment to nuclear energy and nuclear weapons characteristic of both East and West.

An American general is quoted as saying that we do not have to worry about the fuel inside the sub's reactors because

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it is encased in a heavy metal that will "likely"—and I draw attention to the word "likely"—deteriorate only over thousands of years. Even if this were true, how would we feel if huge doses of lethal poisons had been needlessly scattered and stored throughout the world by ancient civilizations in order to meet short-term economic and military goals, and these poisons were only now being released into the environment? Would we not question the morality of such civilizations? Indeed.

So we should question the morality of our own generation and civilization for putting at risk the natural environment and the human health of future generations, all this in the name of a so-called cheap energy that is actually more subsidized than any other energy option and which will only be viable for several decades in any event, and in the name of a nuclear deterrence strategy that can only end in global disaster. Let us have the courage to step off the nuclear treadmill—

Mr. Speaker: Sixty seconds, please. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

ASSISTANCE FOR WESTERN PROVINCES

Mr. Murray Dorin (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, western Canadians can be pleased with the Government's continuing commitment to our region in the Speech from the Throne and in the Prime Minister's response to it.

Unprecedented emphasis on agriculture and international negotiations, domestic measures in co-operation with provincial Governments and farm organizations and the development of an effective \$1 billion financial assistance program to enhance the cash flow of Canadian grain farmers are welcome news.

In energy, besides important measures already taken, there is a promise for co-operation with producing provinces and industry to sustain Canada's energy prospects.

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There is renewed emphasis on trade with Pacific Rim countries. Special emphasis will be given to diversifying the economic base of western Canada, for this provides the key to sustained and lasting economic growth, insulating us from the volatility of world commodity markets which now plagues us.

The Government has committed itself to preserving our traditional industries while making fundamental changes that will result in stability as well as prosperity, things in which all western Canadians and, indeed, all Canadians can share.