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Statements (Standing Order 25B)

Ralph Sultan (West Vancouver-Capilano): Yesterday MLAs on both sides of the House met with the Consulting Engineers of British Columbia, employers of many of B.C.'s 23,000 professional engineers. Last fall we met with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C., which licenses them and maintains professional standards — two important organizations.

In their hands lie our port development, our new transportation systems and the purity of our drinking water. In their hands lies the environmental planning for new mines discovered by their geoscientists. In their hands lie the future of neighbourhoods built in slip-slide and fall zones, skating rinks built to billiard table specifications, fuel cells, hydrogen cars, photovoltaic electricity and Google satellite pictures of your neighbourhood.

British Columbia engineers create all of these things. When the engineers come to town, MLAs appreciate anew their dedication, their technical smarts and their focus on doing a quality job safely, on time and on budget. Not long ago engineering services were not so much in demand, but those dark days are over. Today assignments are plentiful.

B.C. is back, and our engineers and geoscientists are too. Next time you see a construction crane on the horizon, think of somebody who wears an iron ring on his or her little finger, puts P.Eng. after his or her name and is proud to be building a better British Columbia.