

Until greenies realize that there is room for responsible management of our fish, fur and forestry, they have no right dictating solutions to Canadians. Canada was built on these resources and there are many who still depend on their development.

We Canadians from such regions of the country have a right and should be allowed to live from the land and develop it as we have for hundreds of years.

These ads are just plain shameful.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S WEEK

Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, recognizing that this is International Women's Week, I would like to take this opportunity to focus on Third World issues.

Women world-wide represent half the world's population but contribute two-thirds of the world's working hours and raise half of the world's food. In Africa women produce 80 per cent of the food and in Asia, 60 per cent of the food.

Women are recognized world-wide as the principal child care providers, yet in the Third World they receive only the leftovers in resources, nutrition, health and education. Inadequately provided for themselves, they are unable to nurture their exploding numbers of children properly.

Women must be allowed to be equal partners in decision making. Without adequate recognition within the Third World and donor countries of how existing systems exclude women and perpetrate the cycle of poverty and environmental degradation, our global community will be at increasing risk.

The cycle must be broken. Third World women's issues must be addressed with priority emphasis—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The hon. member for Beaches—Woodbine.

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COURT CHALLENGES PROGRAM

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches—Woodbine): Mr. Speaker, former Supreme Court Justice Madam Bertha Wilson

has written to the Minister of Justice expressing her dismay and distress over the recent cancellation of the Court Challenges Program. She goes on to say:

I have on numerous occasions publicly expressed the view that it is totally illusory to confer rights on people who do not have the means to enforce them. I saw for myself when I was a member of the Supreme Court how invaluable this program has been to minority groups and to the disadvantaged. It has clearly been well and efficiently administered and has resulted in an excellent input into many very significant 'test' cases. I am sure that my former colleagues on the Court, if asked, would confirm that view. If there is any possibility that the government's decision on the Court Challenges Program might be reversed, may I respectfully add my voice to what I am sure is a chorus of disapproval of the cancellation of this very imaginative and worthwhile program.

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SENIORS

Mrs. Louise Feltham (Wild Rose): Mr. Speaker, our seniors are special people who deserve the very best we can give them.

Until 1986 the Government of Alberta provided lodges for all senior Albertans who wished to use them. There was no discrimination or means testing; everyone was treated equally.

That has now changed. Seniors must have means tests when applying for residency in a new or renovated seniors lodge. Is this short-sighted? Where will middle income seniors reside in rural areas? Will medical costs increase for those who are refused accommodation? Will nursing homes be substituted?

Lodges are essential for all seniors in rural areas. There should be no means tests or refusals. We must recognize those who contributed so much to Canada's growth.

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EMISSION STANDARDS

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, on February 20, the Minister of Transport claimed Canada's new emission standards for cars would be the most rigorous in the world. This is a sham. Standards are only as good as their testing, and in this case the government is using gasoline for emission testing that is not available in Canada.