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Now three women from Eritrea, living in London, are subject to removal to the United States, one on Friday, tomorrow. They are all pleading for Canada's mercy.

There is no guarantee that the United States will not send these women, and all such people, back to Eritrea or whatever country forces them to leave.

I call on the minister to review the cases of the 13 women presented by NAC and the cases of Ms. Tebletz Bahlebi-Tedia, Ms. Simret and Ms. Seghid under the new guidelines announced by the IRB on March 9 so as to consider allowing all these women to remain in Canada on humanitarian and compassionate grounds.

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I also call on him to immediately place a moratorium on removal of rejected refugee women claimants to the U.S. or other countries so as to review all pending cases in the same way.

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**CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

**Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta):** Mr. Speaker, the Conservative family caucus has recently concluded a study on child sexual abuse and has made 11 significant recommendations to the government.

Some of these recommendations are: first, to establish a national child abuse register to enable screening of those seeking paid or volunteer positions of responsibility for children; second, to amend existing dangerous offenders provisions in the Criminal Code for anyone convicted of sexual offences against children; third, to amend the Criminal Code to include the depiction of children in a sexual manner in the definition of obscene and to create a separate indictable offence with greater penalties for the distribution of obscene material to children; and fourth, to amend the Criminal Records Act to prohibit pardons for those convicted of sexual offences involving children.

The committee also recommends the prohibition of the killer cards, the serial killer board game and similar objects directed at young people.

**CANADA POST**

**Mr. Jerry Pickard (Essex—Kent):** Mr. Speaker, Canada Post condones advertising 1-900 fantasy phone numbers. Canada Post has authorized delivery of unaddressed postcards advertising female names and phone numbers.

During this age of heightened awareness of sexual exploitation this Canada Post practice is objectionable and offensive. Despite complaints from citizens and postal employees Canada Post maintains that the postcards are not pornographic.

In fact, Canada Post managers suggest that if people think it is objectionable their recourse is to call the sender. Imagine encouraging the use of a 1-900 number, at a cost of \$10 per call, to complain.

I implore Canada Post to show some moral judgment and common sense. Let us not sacrifice basic values in the pursuit of profits.

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**SMALL BUSINESSES LOANS ACT**

**Mr. Ken James (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Labour):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the sweeping changes to the Small Businesses Loans Act, which were passed by the House two weeks ago.

At the legislative committee I pressed for significant improvements to Bill C-99 and a number were made. Others which also surfaced at report stage were the innovative provisions seeking to free up working capital for our small businesses.

Under the bill, retroactive financing of up to 180 days will now be available. The value of an asset for financing will be increased to 100 per cent of the purchase cost. Personal guarantees by borrowers will also be kept at 25 per cent of the loan.

I support these changes to the Small Businesses Loans Act in that they seek to facilitate better access to start-up cash and expansion of capital for our small businesses. At committee, the Canadian Bankers' Association publicly made that commitment.