

The Construction Association of P.E.I. says: "We are extremely concerned about the apparent delay in the construction of the bridge between P.E.I. and New Brunswick".

The Islanders for a Better Tomorrow say: "It is important that the clear majority of islanders have their wishes respected".

Proponents from the maritimes are calling on the government to fulfil the requirements of a section 12, as outlined in the recent court decision, so that the work on this project may begin.

I add my strong support to those who are calling for this decision to be made as soon as possible and in compliance with the judge's recent ruling.

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#### NORTH THOMPSON RIVER

**Mr. Lyle Dean MacWilliam (Okanagan—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, Multinational Water and Power is proceeding with plans to divert a portion of the flow of the North Thompson River in British Columbia for export by pipeline into the California market. This U.S. based company is now lobbying B.C. construction industries to bring them onside with the promise of jobs, jobs, jobs.

Contrary to this government's explanations water is defined as a commodity of trade under both the Canada-U.S. trade agreement and the proposed North American trade agreement, making the Multinational proposal a serious concern.

If this government is serious about preserving our Canadian water supplies it should put its money where its mouth is. U.S. President Clinton has said the NAFTA deal will not be signed until environmental concerns are met. This government should seize this opportunity to negotiate specific exclusions for the export of water.

The people of British Columbia do not want to see our fresh water supplies exploited for export. They know that once we turn the tap on, we are never going to turn it off.

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#### CHANGE

**Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to talk about change.

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Parents and students are talking about spending more time in school during the school year. Workers are becoming ever more positive and enthusiastic about cross-training. Smart cars will eliminate traffic jams, spot tie-ups and tell drivers of alternative routes.

No-name Dave Nicol says that the baby boomers' gastronomic desires are Splendido pizza bread, hot, hot salsa and zipper back shrimp. In place of the simple copper wire and analog signals of the past there is now fibre-optic cable and digital transmission.

IBM and other majors have new changed ways of operating, such as independent units, noting plans to become more mobile, more entrepreneurial, and more service oriented.

Bob Rae is reported as saying, as reported in *The Globe and Mail*: "My own view about welfare is that simply paying people to sit at home is not smart".

Clear and transparent is the change desired. There is even Crystal Pepsi, Tab Clear, and clear Ivory Liquid and Palmolive.

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Today I read that staid IBM dress is being replaced by an informal dress that will note more free thinking. Certainly it is a wave of change and the wave of change is very evident. Except—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member's time has expired.

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#### EDUCATION

**Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur):** Mr. Speaker, in a fast changing but slowly expanding economy, education has become the surest way of acquiring and maintaining employment.

Education, not experience, increasingly determines one's ability to compete in today's labour market.

[Translation]

More and more young Canadians are feeling the impact of the high cost of education and high unemployment. The government's cuts in the student employment program have forced thousands of students to reassess their ability to afford a post-secondary education.

Students in increasing numbers are turning to the Canada Student Loans Program for assistance.