

## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, June 8, 1994

The House met at 2 p.m.

Prayers

## STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

[English]

## PORTUGAL WEEK

**Mr. Tony Ianno (Trinity—Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, this week across the country Canadians of Portuguese origin are hosting Portugal Week, a festival of celebration and good cheer. The highlight of this week is June 10, the Portuguese national day, a celebration of the many accomplishments of the Portuguese Canadian community. This day has historic significance as well for it is the anniversary of the death of the great poet, Luis Vaz de Camoes.

In my riding of Trinity—Spadina, the week's festivities are organized by the Alliance of Portuguese Clubs and Associations of Ontario. Among the events scheduled are a soccer tournament, art exhibits, a parade, as well as numerous concerts featuring internationally recognized Portuguese entertainers.

I would like to salute members of the Portuguese community in my riding for their contribution to the cultural life of Toronto and of Canada during this their week of celebration.

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[Translation]

## COLLÈGE MILITAIRE ROYAL IN SAINT-JEAN

**Mr. Claude Bachand (Saint-Jean):** Mr. Speaker, on June 6, the Deputy Prime Minister challenged the figures quoted in *Le Devoir* to the effect that officer cadet training at Kingston's military college was more costly than the training provided at the Collège militaire de Saint-Jean.

The Deputy Prime Minister did so in spite of the fact that the Ministerial Committee on Canadian Military Colleges tabled a report in May 1993 containing figures which support the claim that the cost of officer cadet training is higher in Kingston than it is in Saint-Jean. Training costs were assessed at \$71,291 at the Kingston facility, compared to \$58,356 at the college in Saint-

Jean. Training costs are, therefore, 22 per cent higher in Kingston.

This government refuses to reconsider its decision to close the Collège militaire de Saint-Jean. We can only conclude that its decision must be politically motivated.

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[English]

## KEMANO COMPLETION PROJECT

**Mr. Bill Gilmour (Comox—Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, the Kemano completion project in British Columbia is currently under review by the B.C. Utilities Commission. However the terms of reference of this commission do not address reduced water flows into the Nechako and Fraser River systems and the subsequent impact on fisheries, municipalities and industry.

A petition from 1,100 constituents of Comox—Alberni shows the deep concern that this project has the potential of becoming the worst environmental disaster B.C. has yet encountered. The only way to avoid this potential disaster is to ensure a full federal environmental review is carried out on this project. Until this review is conducted, there is no process where all activity that occurred behind closed doors among the previous Conservative government, the B.C. government, DFO and Alcan is out in the open.

I encourage the government to order a full environmental review of the Kemano completion project in order to alleviate the concerns of many British Columbians.

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## RIDING FORUM

**Mr. Andy Scott (Fredericton—York—Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to report on the success of Fredericton—York—Sunbury's latest public consultation meeting held last Sunday. Over 100 participants gathered to debate gender related issues ranging from housing and child care to abortion and same sex spousal benefits.

This marked the fourth in a series of riding forums since February. The first dealt with health care, the second, national defence and the third, human resources development. I wish to thank my colleagues from Perth—Wellington—Waterloo for participating in the defence forum, from York North for contributing to the HRD debate and from Halifax for input on gender related issues. Thanks also to provincial ministers Russ King,