

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF SIKHISM

Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, several Sikh temples in Toronto and elsewhere in Canada this weekend are commemorating the anniversary of the Guru Nanok, the founder of Sikhism.

By his very example, the Guru Nanok taught pacifism, tolerance, respect for others, co-operation, discipline and moderation; qualities I am sure that hon. members will agree are the hallmark of progressive, enlightened civilizations. Born into a world of strife; religious, racial and class antagonism; political and gender discrimination; the Guru Nanok sought to establish harmony and community among adherents of perceived rival religious groups.

He worked for equality among classes and between men and women, preferring to see individuals emerge by dint of unbridled energy and natural talent and driven by altruistic duty to community.

The Canadian community is enriched by the disciples to this monotheistic creed and welcomes their contribution and role to the development of our great nation.

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[Translation]

THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to point out the environmental leadership shown by *Les Teintureries Élite Ltée* of Drummondville. This company has just taken some concrete action by starting to build a waste water pre-treatment plant.

Mr. Speaker, this is the first textile mill in Quebec to acquire such a system.

Furthermore, they will receive no government subsidies for this project costing over one million dollars.

By acquiring the necessary equipment to treat its waste water before discharging it, this company is helping to protect the local environment and clean up our rivers and streams.

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I am proud of the initiative shown by this family business which employs over 160 people and of its main spokesman, Lucien Morissette, for his role in preserving our environment. I trust that others will follow his example.

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[English]

LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada is not only stalling on the Innu Labrador land claims, and also those in Quebec, but is trying to drive the Innu off the land before there is a decision. The caribou and other game are being chased away by low level flights. The Innu children are being terrified so they are unwilling to stay on the land.

The government claims that there are no permanent residents when it knows there are at least 1,500 who spend half the year or more there following their ancestral way of life and protecting their children from urban destruction.

They say, "Tell us where you are camped and we'll avoid you", but when the Innu tell them they do not avoid them because they use the same river valleys that the Innu use. When the commanding officer visited them the planes overflew them the next week.

The government has now published an environmental impact study that does not even give the location of the proposed bombing ranges which it claims are environmentally harmless.

The government spent \$6 million on this study and is trying to prevent members of Parliament and Innu support groups from getting copies of it. There is no reading station for this study for all the people east of Montreal and the translation into the Innu language is being delayed although that is the most important language to be used in the study by the people who live there.

I call on the government to give at least \$.25 million to the Innu study of this environmental impact statement so that it will be a little bit more fair than it has been.