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[English]

CANADIAN UNITY

Mr. Herb Grubel (Capilano—Howe Sound, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, last weekend my wife and I visited Montreal, where her family lives and where she grew up as a francophone and raised her own children.

When we crossed the bridge back into Ontario her heart was heavy and the tears flowed. She is Canadian and Quebecois. She does not want to be anything else.

[Translation]

As a Canadian by choice myself, I do not want to lose my country. For goodness' sake, Quebecers, say no to the song of the separatist sirens. Your hopes for a strong and powerful Quebec may be met within Canada.

[English]

We Reformers in the west know what they want. We want the same. We want a smaller, less intrusive federal government. Together we can have it. Together we can get rid of the arrogant centralists with their failed visions. Together we will build a new Canada.

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[Translation]

CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP

Mr. Raymond Bonin (Nickel Belt, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the honours and advantages Canadian citizenship confers upon Canadians are too numerous to list. Our country is a model for the international community and the envy of hundreds of millions of people.

Canada could not have become the great country it is without the will and determination of the women and men, in Quebec and in the other provinces, who have worked unceasingly to attain the common goal of constructing a country in our image.

The wonderful thing about Canada is that it allows all of us to be proud of our status as Canadians, while not preventing us from being proud at the same time to be francophones, anglophones, and Quebecers.

This coming October 30, the people of Quebec will renew with pride their confidence in, and attachment to, Canada by voting no.

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QUEBEC

Mr. Réginald Bélair (Cochrane—Superior, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, Quebec is now one of the world's most modern and most industrialized societies. Quebec's expertise is widely

recognized in a number of sectors and its products are increasingly sought after throughout the world. The people of Quebec enjoy a considerable standard of living, education is universal, and health care is one of the jewels in our crown.

The Quebec of today owes its success to the quality, ingenuity and determination of generation after generation of Quebecers. All of these accomplishments, all of this progress by Quebec, have taken place within the Canadian federation.

This coming October 30, Quebecers will refuse to compromise what it has taken them centuries to build. They will choose Canada; they will vote no.

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FINANCIAL MARKETS

Mr. Jean H. Leroux (Shefford, BQ): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance is feeding the uncertainty on financial markets by claiming that sovereignists do not want a sovereign Quebec to continue using the Canadian dollar. However, there is absolutely no doubt that a sovereign Quebec will continue to use the Canadian dollar and that it is in the interests of both Canada and Quebec to maintain a currency union.

A sovereign Quebec will continue to use the Canadian dollar and, as the Minister of Finance himself pointed out, it cannot be prevented from doing so. A sovereign Quebec will also assume its fair share of the federal debt. If the Yes side wins, Quebec and Canada will be well-advised to start negotiations immediately on the sharing of the debt and federal assets.

The finance minister of Canada has a responsibility to contribute to the stability of the markets and to refrain from spreading doubt and uncertainty the way he is doing now.

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UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION

Mr. Mauril Bélanger (Ottawa—Vanier, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, Canada is proud to join all other nations in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the birth of the United Nations Organization.

We take particular pride in marking this anniversary, since Canada was directly involved in the founding of the UN. To Canada, the UN is an example of co-operation and openness.

It is no easy task to bring together daily some 200 countries with widely divergent interests and ask them to work on finding and developing ways to improve the lives of the people of this planet. Like the UN, Canada has always appreciated the advantages and potential of a relationship built on tolerance and the acceptance of diversity.

Today, Canadians are gathered together to wish a long life to the UN and to a united Canada.