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[English]

KILLER CARDS

Mr. John O'Reilly (Victoria—Haliburton): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern about the importation of serial killer cards into Canada.

• (1410)

I, like many colleagues, am opposed to these shameful cards entering our country. I have hundreds, maybe even thousands of constituents from Victoria—Haliburton in Ontario who have signed a petition stating that the killer cards not be allowed in Canada.

We live in a violent enough society, evidenced by senseless shootings in the last few weeks, and we do not need to send another violent negative message to our youth by allowing these cards to circulate in our schools.

I echo the petitions which are circulating throughout this country and urge this House to amend the laws of Canada to prohibit the importation, distribution, sale and manufacture of killer cards in law and to advise producers of killer cards that their product, if destined for Canada, will be seized and destroyed.

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BLOC QUEBECOIS

Mr. Paul DeVillers (Simcoe North): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was accused by the member for Richelieu of being hypocritical in presenting a petition to the House while opposing its content.

I would like to say to that member that I shall on occasion oppose certain views some of my constituents may hold but I will not oppose their right to express them or to have their voice heard in this place.

[Translation]

I want to tell those who claim that I do not respect the bilingual status of our country that I am the first member of Parliament for Simcoe North to provide services and to send out householders in both official languages.

[English]

The Bloc Quebecois has often said it was given the democratic right to sit in this place despite its fundamental goal to break up our country.

[Translation]

I find it despicable on the part of Bloc Quebecois members to claim that they want to protect the principles of democracy and freedom of expression when, in fact, they are trying to deprive others of those rights.

[English]

We believe in democracy whether it suits our political agenda or not.

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[Translation]

TRANSPORT CANADA

Mr. Philippe Paré (Louis—Hébert): Mr. Speaker, we have obtained from a reliable source a working paper on a government strategy designed to massively privatize Transport Canada's services.

This strategy, which was developed in secret, will not only have a disastrous impact on employment in that department by eliminating 15,000 positions: it will also have serious consequences on the economy as a whole, through an increase in transportation costs.

This withdrawal by the government from its responsibilities in the field of transport illustrates the confusion of a federal system which is about to crumble.

Moreover, the government's policy in the transport sector clearly shows that it is not serious about job creation. This hurried reform could result in a setback for Quebec and Canada, since the transport industry has always been an essential component of their economies.

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[English]

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Miss Deborah Grey (Beaver River): Mr. Speaker, Canadians thought when this government was elected that they might hear and witness something new.

Much to the disappointment of millions of Canadians all they got was the same old thing.

We have a government that announces with greatest fanfare a rehash of the Company of Young Canadians, basically Katimavik II; a great concept but are our youth willing to pay the bill on this borrowed money?

Ministers go to Atlantic Canada to tell Canadians there are no bold new ideas, just the usual tired old programs through which borrowed money substitutes for innovative job creation initiatives.

The experiments in judicial reform that have proved unsuccessful since their introduction in the 1960s and 1970s are another sign that creative solutions are not being found.

I would remind the government that yesterday's answers will not work when applied to today's questions; old songs by new singers are still old songs.

We need a new song for the new Canada. Reformers together with Canadians are working on the lyrics and the tune for "O Canada, New Canada".