

I want to assure the House and Canadians from coast to coast that the fight against the Government's theft of the benefits of unemployed Canadians and their families has just begun. After listening to the many groups represented today I know that, as with the battle over the deindexing of seniors' pensions, the determination of ordinary Canadians to defeat these changes is limitless.

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[Translation]

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN N. TURNER

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Blackburn (Jonquière):** Yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the Right Hon. John Turner who represents the Vancouver-Quadra riding announced his intention to resign as Leader of the Liberal Party.

Forsaking all petty partisan considerations, Mr. Speaker, I should like to pay tribute to him and emphasize that this man can serve as a model of dedication, tenacity and courage for all Canadians.

Very few people would dare face as many storms as he has. His deportment under extremely adverse circumstances has impressed a great many in the House and in the Canadian public. His admirable behaviour certainly deserves our respect, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

#### TRANSPORT

##### CUT IN VIA RAIL SERVICE

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, when the great train robbery was committed, gold was stolen from the train's cargo car. Now, the Conservative Government is going to commit an even greater train robbery of its own—it is going to steal the train itself.

The theft will not go unnoticed. It will set off alarms across this land. Alarms will ring in Atlantic Canada when The Atlantic is stolen away. Alarms will ring across the country when the Transcontinental and the Canadian are stolen away.

Alarms will ring when the environment is damaged through the use of more cars and buses, and more planes. Alarms will ring when more money is needed for the roads for those cars and buses, and when more money is needed for the airports for those planes.

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Alarms will ring when a profitable tourist trade is stolen away.

It will set off a great many alarms in the provinces which will have to pick up the tab.

All of these alarms are going to be set off because Canada is a big country and Canadians still want to travel. There are people watching this theft who are going to blow the whistle on this crime. They are the Canadians who use the train, work the train, and love the train.

Alarms are going off and the Government has a responsibility to listen.

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#### PRIME MINISTER MARGARET THATCHER

##### TENTH ANNIVERSARY IN OFFICE

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham):** Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago today, Margaret Thatcher moved into 10 Downing Street. It is worthy to note that the era of Thatcherism represents a fundamental transformation in British society. She has reversed the labour and socialistic policies which dominated British politics for several decades.

The Conservative Thatcher Government created the conditions and the climate which allow free enterprise to flourish. The vast majority of Britons are significantly better off today than they were 10 years ago.

Mrs. Thatcher made Britain a nation of home-owners by selling publicly owned residences to tenants. She made it a nation of shareholders by privatizing enterprises and selling shares to millions of citizens.

Bravo Maggie! You achieved an economic miracle.

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#### LEADER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY

##### TRIBUTE TO RIGHT HON. JOHN TURNER

**Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua (York North):** Mr. Speaker, compassionate, caring, understanding, courageous, devoted and deeply committed to the principles and philosophy of Liberalism.

I did not meet him at a cocktail reception or an extravagant dinner, but I met him while he was visiting a local food bank in Toronto. In his eyes I saw sincerity. In his words I heard honesty. On his face I saw integrity.