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The reverse is true. Multiculturalism respects diversity, protects equal rights, and promotes pride in being Canadian. It must be the goal of Canadian citizenship in the 1990s.

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[Translation]

GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Yvon Côté (Richmond—Wolfe): Right from the beginning in 1984, Mr. Speaker, the Conservative government got down to work to reduce federal outlays. Among other things, there are 57,000 fewer civil servants on the federal payroll, or about the same number as the Public Service had in 1973-74, and operating expenses have risen at a lower rate than inflation.

Therefore I urge the government to keep a tight rein on things. My fellow Canadians in Richmond—Wolfe happen to believe that further cut-backs can be made, particularly in the various departments in Ottawa.

Mr. Speaker, I would strongly suggest that each department hire private consultants to study departmental organization and operations, redefine jobs, evaluate salaries, and reduce operating and travelling expenditures.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is still enough fat left to slash even more resolutely and use these savings to lower the deficit and the national debt.

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FAMILY VIOLENCE

Mrs. Pierrette Venne (Saint-Hubert): Mr. Speaker, in Quebec only, 300,000 women are abused verbally, sexually or physically. In 1989, some 9,376 cases of family violence were reported to the police, a 15 percent increase over 1988. This figure does not include the thousands of women who never filed complaints against their spouses. Ninety seven percent of abused women were kicked or punched, beaten or shot with a gun.

It is very difficult for health care professionals, Mr. Speaker, to detect family violence. That is why I really want to point out the work accomplished by Mrs. Michelle Doyon and her team at the *Regroupement des CLSC du Montréal métropolitain*, who put together a family violence detection guide.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that initiative will be recognized as a further step towards ending violence against women.

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[English]

TRANSPORT CANADA

Ms. Beth Phinney (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, Sandy Pedersen was accepted into an eight-month training program in Cornwall, Ontario beginning February, 1989 to learn how to advise pilots of weather conditions. She quit her job in Fort Erie, sold her home and relocated.

On October 25, just two days before her graduation, she was told by the minister's officials that she was medically unfit for this job.

Sandy Peterson stated that she was epileptic on her original application in 1988. One year later, her medical report of August 1, 1989 stated she was healthy and her epilepsy was controlled. The department, in a memo dated September 1 of that same year, posted her to an airport in Sudbury. Yet on October 25 the department, after having the knowledge of her controlled condition for over two years, decided that she was unfit for the job. Surely, the department has made an error.

I call upon the Minister of Transport to personally reopen the case of Sandy Pedersen and either reinstate her or compensate her for the two years of wasted time his department has caused.

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ACID RAIN

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, yesterday was a memorable day for Canada and the Canadian people. The House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States both agreed on measures to substantially reduce acid-rain-causing emissions in the United States. These measures, combined with those our Government has taken since 1985, will protect the Canadian environment from damages caused by acid rain.

Mr. Speaker, need I remind the House of the vital role played by the Prime Minister of Canada in bringing this issue to the fore. His perseverance and tenacity over the