

This is a simple, clear and recent example of the inconsistency, confusion and lack of intellectual rigour of the Socialist Leader.

Canadians must realize that, once again, the Socialist Leader does not know where he is going or even where he is.

If Canadians want to see what makes a good party leader, they will not find it by looking at the Socialist Leader.

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● (1405)

[English]

LOBBYISTS REGISTRATION ACT

CALL FOR ACTION ON PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker:

It is a great principle of public administration—I could even say an imperative—that to function effectively the Government and the public service of a democracy must have the trust and confidence of the public they serve.

Those were the words of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) on September 9, 1985. In his open letter, he tabled a seven-point public sector ethics package which included instructions to “prepare on an urgent basis, legislation to govern lobbying activity”. Over two years later we have yet to see action on public service sector ethics. Bill C-82 on lobbying has not yet been introduced for second reading and the Government has shown no sign of either introducing other public sector ethics legislation or in displaying public sector ethics.

We still face the spectre of continuous scandals—the Grossmann affair, questionable public works leasing arrangements and now the Memotec insider trading scandal—where an unending stream of Tory cronies and cohorts use public connections for private gain. Public confidence in our political system is plummeting as a result. I, therefore, call upon the Government to bring forth Bill C-82 from where it is hiding, and other aspects of the Government’s ethics package right now.

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POLICE AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

MEMORIAL SERVICE ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Mr. Bill Tupper (Nepean—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I was privileged yesterday, together with the Solicitor General of Canada (Mr. Kelleher), members of the House of Commons Security Staff, members of the RCMP, members of the City of Nepean and City of Ottawa Police Forces, and others, to

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attend the 10th Memorial Service on Parliament Hill to pay homage to the police and protective officers who have given their lives to protect the lives and rights of fellow Canadians, your neighbours and mine.

In 1984 a Memorial Book of Remembrance for police and correctional officers who were killed in the performance of their duties was unveiled on Parliament Hill. Yesterday the names of four officers who gave their lives as a result of violent criminal action in the past year were added. They are Agent Robert Baril, Montreal Urban Community Police, November 13, 1986, 42 years of age; Gordon Kowalczyk, Special Constable, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Calgary, January 26, 1987, 35 years of age; Sergeant Larry Young, Vancouver Police Force, February 2, 1987, 42 years of age, and Constable Emmanuel Aucoin, New Brunswick Highway Patrol, March 8, 1987, 31 years of age.

Many others have died in the performance of their duty in highway accidents or by other means. Their sacrifice is no less meaningful, their loss no less painful, and their contribution to the quality of life in Canada no less appreciated.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

POLLUTION OF BOW RIVER

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, for the past two months Albertans in Canmore and Exshaw have been outraged by a large brown streak of sewage debris in the normally sparkling blue-green waters of the Bow River. In September, bacterial levels near Exshaw reached 700 parts per million, three and one-half times the allowable level in Alberta. The source of pollution is the sewage treatment plant in Banff.

The Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) should be reminded that as Mayor of Banff he is responsible for the operation of the treatment plant. Canmore’s town manager, Frank Kosa, sums it up by saying: “Tom McMillan makes a big deal of protecting the ozone layer and he won’t even clean up his own backyard”.

● (1410)

And what about the Hon. Member for Bow River (Mr. Taylor)? Where is he when it comes to protecting the health of his constituents? We have not heard from him on the pollution of the Bow River—perhaps he drank the water.

Pollution of the Bow River is a national disgrace. It enlightens Canadians as to the Government’s commitment to water protection.