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### HIGH SPEED TRAIN

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est):** Mr. Speaker, as member for Québec-Est, I am happy that the report of the Standing Committee on Transport tabled yesterday dealing with high speed trains acknowledges the economic spin-offs of such a project.

I must stress the fact that the final feasibility study now under way deals with the complete corridor from Quebec city to Windsor, Ontario and not only the Montreal-Toronto section.

Like the other members of this House, I am eager to see the conclusions of that study since, if that great pan-Canadian project becomes reality, it could mean not only job maintenance or job creation in the area of passenger train operations and rolling equipment manufacturing, but also the acquisition of new, up-to-date technologies, the interlacing of foreign and Canadian companies and the creation of strategic alliances. Eventually it could also mean a new direction for production and research and development activities in the aerospace and aeronautics industries.

By taking the necessary steps for this project to succeed, Canada could improve its position within the export market and better place itself among the five major countries in the area of railway stock production.

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### CANADA POST

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce an unfair action by Canada Post.

In several parts of the country, including Saint-Frédéric-de-Beauce, Canada Post allows postal outlets to sell stamp booklets at a discount price. Often these outlets are very close to post offices, even as close as across the street. This practice is unacceptable.

Canada Post allows its own competitors to play with the price of stamps. On the other hand, the post office never cuts its prices. So it will become an easy target for postal officials who are more than willing to close post offices in rural areas.

The people of Saint-Frédéric-de-Beauce see through this scheme, Mr. Speaker. They see through it so clearly that they formed a surveillance committee. The government is dismantling the Canadian postal system with so-called streamlining operations and questionable business practices. The selling of postage stamps at a discount price should be banned, because it means the closure of post offices in Canada.

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[English]

### THE PRIME MINISTER

**Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel):** Mr. Speaker, last night CBC television aired an interview with the Prime Minister and his wife.

In that interview the Prime Minister used language which some would say is not politically correct. He said he would do serious damage to anybody who threatens to injure his family. If anyone wants to criticize Brian Mulroney for saying that, they had better think first about this: He is a father and a husband before he is a prime minister and when *Frank* magazine attacked his daughter he reacted.

There are 26 million people out there expecting the man to be some kind of an emotionless, non-human public servant, set on earth just to look after their needs. He is human, he speaks his mind, he supports and defends his family in any way possible.

For those who may call for an apology, I can only say that many of us are still waiting for an apology from the magazine that discredited itself in the first place.

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### THE ENVIRONMENT

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, there are a number of extremely serious issues on the environmental front in Alberta that cry out for action from the federal government.

Regrettably the ministers responsible seem paranoid to the point of inaction, something that is not going unnoticed by Canadians who care. Why is it the Minister of the Environment has refused to come to Parliament to halt logging in Canada's largest national park, Wood Buffalo? This House would send a strong message to Canfor and Daishowa that there will be no more black-mail for cash.