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Ottawa. It is a big job in itself. To the Anglophones of Quebec, I say: "Don't ever again do the mistake of electing your worst enemies, Garneau, Ouellet, Bujold, who are cajoling you and promoting your destruction to better trap you later into oblivion—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Kaplan: Come on!

Mr. Penner: Order!

Mr. Kaplan: Withdraw!

Mr. Speaker: Hon. Members will know that no matter how vigorous their statements, they ought not to be a personal attack on any other Hon. Member.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

SALMON ARM, B.C.—POSTAL CODE CHANGES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker,

Salmon Arm, British Columbia, was originally selected as one of the first three Canadian communities to receive supermailboxes. Now, after a frustrating experimental period, the residents of Salmon Arm are fed up and have written to the Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation indicating they are unwilling to co-operate with postal authorities any longer.

The final straw was the decision to change the existing postal code for 2,700 residents without any explanation or official notification. Some people who have lived in the same residence have had their postal code changed five times in the past four years. The changing of postal codes has been inconvenient and the cost excessive, particularly to the small business community. Some local mail is sent to Vancouver for sorting and then returned to Salmon Arm for delivery. Postal box rates have been increased 400 per cent and 500 per cent during 1987. These concerns go on and on.

The situation with respect to the postal system and super-mailboxes in Salmon Arm, British Columbia, has become intolerable for its residents. The chair of the newly formed postal committee has called upon the Minister to end this marked decline in postal service and give Canadians, including the residents of Salmon Arm, the postal service they deserve and the service for which they currently pay, and pay excessively.

[Translation]

THE HANDICAPPED

HANDICAPPED PERSONS' PARTICIPATION PROGRAM

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Quebec East): Mr. Speaker, to assist handicapped people, the Secretary of State administers the Disabled Persons Participation Program which provides technical and financial assistance to concerned groups with a view to making possible for them through their activities to foster the mainstreaming of handicapped into Canadian society.

Between September 1984 and December 1987, the Progressive Conservative Government has invested, through this Program, more than \$50,000 in several organizations for disabled persons in my riding of Quebec East. These grants from the federal Government allow those organizations to operate their activities with great success.

I commend them wholeheartedly for a work so well done and I encourage them to continue promoting even more the mainstreaming of handicapped people. I can assure them of the continuing cooperation of this government given the priority we attach to that matter.

That is, Mr. Speaker, a concrete commitment on the part of the Government in favour of the handicapped, a commitment which we will continue to keep for the coming years. Our party wanted, Mr. Speaker, to create a political climate in which all Canadian men and women would feel a greater sense of security. This is important for us all, is it not, Mr. Speaker!

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES' WORDS

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, the Commissioner of Official Languages' statements are producing a big stir, are causing much ink to flow and are bringing back in Quebec the so-called linguistic debate.

Mr. Speaker, I think I am considered to be a Quebec nationalist. I would urge French-speaking Quebecers of all political stripes and our English-speaking colleagues of Quebec and of other provinces to stay calm, to be cautious and to get off the sentimentalist wagon.

Mr. Speaker, I think Mr. D'Iberville Fortier has recognized he was wrong and has said that in the future he would go in Quebec and check both sides of the question before insulting anyone. But sometimes things must be said. We, French-speaking people, were very happy when any Commissioner of Official Languages was very harsh with English-speaking people of other provinces. And if bilingualism is to progress, we have to be able to strike sometimes and to take the beating some other times.