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GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, the lessons of Thatcherism are lost on the Prime Minister. While support for the PM and his party are at new lows the cutting, slashing and privatization continues unabashed.

The government has used the Persian Gulf crisis as a convenient excuse to slash \$350 million from key federal departments. Let us be honest here, Mr. Speaker. We pay for the ships and crew whether they are in Canada or in the Persian Gulf. In fact, it may cost the government far less while the ships and crew are in the gulf.

Employment and Immigration will lose over \$25 million which will not only cut language training programs for recent immigrants but will further clog the refugee backlog process.

As well, the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety will be receiving \$80,000 less than expected. Although my private members' motion calling upon the government to reinstate full funding for the CCOHS was adopted last spring, the Minister of Labour has chosen to ignore Parliament and to fast-track privatization.

Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister says that Canadians have never looked for a free ride. I say the only free ride has been the one taken by the Prime Minister in his rule by decree. Any Heseltines over there?

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THE GREY CUP

Mrs. Dorothy Dobbie (Winnipeg South): Mr. Speaker, yesterday Canada watched the Winnipeg Blue Bombers march with unflagging energy to defeat the Edmonton Eskimos 50–11 for a stunning Grey Cup victory.

Today's *Ottawa Citizen* has it right with a one-word headline on its sports page "*Winner-peg*". Winner-peg is the pretty city of the prairies that knows how to do things right and next year the heat is on for the biggest, the best, the hottest Grey Cup in the history of the Canadian Football League.

Congratulations Winnipeg and congratulations Bombers. As Michael Gray says: "There is nothing like a little smoked ham at Thanksgiving".

NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond). Mr. Speaker, the NDP are at it again.

Some hon. members: Oh, no.

Mr. Dingwall: It was reported over the weekend that the leader of the New Democratic Party stated: "We are a federal party". Yet the NDP's only Quebec member of Parliament, the member for Chambly, tabled a brief before the Bélanger–Campeau commission that favoured a form of sovereignty association, not federalism.

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Once again the NDP, the no direction party, has an exposed difference of opinion between its leader and its backbench.

Mr. Speaker, I sometimes like to compare the NDP to a ship, rather than an organized political organization, because we all know a ship makes the most noise when it is in the fog. Here we have the NDP, not only in the fog but drifting without a political hand at the helm. Canadians want sound, solid and sensitive answers to the country's problems and we in the Liberal Party of Canada can provide that direction.

LILLOOET LIBRARY

Mr. Dave Worthy (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, my fellow members will recall that in March of this year, a fire in my constituency totally destroyed the town of Lillooet's only library.

I am pleased to report that the response to our appeals to other communities, publishers, and libraries was overwhelming. Most impressive, however, was the response from my fellow members of Parliament. The original centre's construction, as is the case in so many small towns, was a community effort. I am pleased to acknowledge that my colleagues in the House and their staffs united in a community effort of their own, providing the library with a base of some several thousand books upon which it can now build. Considering the diversity of the donors, Lillooet can now lay claim to a truly unique catalogue.