

desires and your hopes. We have faith in you. You can have faith in us; you are entitled”.

The Bloc Quebecois is delighted by the artists' action, inspired not by political affiliation, but by a desire to express their profound convictions and to share, with their fellow Quebecers, aspirations that go well beyond the political.

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Mr. Jim Hart (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of the constituents of Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt and local radio stations in my riding to warn the Minister of Canadian Heritage that his actions will kill jobs and small businesses.

The people I represent are suspicious that once again the Liberal government is attempting to fool Canadians, this time by introducing amendments to the Copyright Act. What the Liberals are really trying to do with neighbouring rights is to foist a killer tax on local radio stations.

The Minister of Canadian Heritage is silently planning to kill locally owned radio stations. They already pay royalties to authors and composers of music aired on their stations. Additional fees to performers and record companies is unjust.

Broadcasters maintain that free air play is what creates Canadian stars and sells records, not a Liberal government tax hidden in a bill of amendments. Canadians are confident that our culture can develop and grow without the Liberal government intervening with a radio station killer tax.

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CARLETON CIVIC CENTRE

Mr. Harold Culbert (Carleton—Charlotte, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, on the afternoon of Thursday, March 16, 1995 the Carleton Civic Centre will officially open its doors in Woodstock, New Brunswick. It is a wonderful new facility that will be enjoyed by the area's citizens for many years to come.

While this is wonderful news, the even more important component has been the method in which the goal of completing this facility has been realized. It is important to note that the completion of this project was achieved through true partnership. This partnership included groups, organizations, businesses, individuals, surrounding communities, as well as all three levels of government.

I congratulate the Carleton Civic Centre committee and all those who contributed to the success of this most worthy project.

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MANITOBA SPORTS TEAMS

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of two recent Canadian championship teams from Manitoba.

This past weekend Mr. Kerry Burtnyk and his team members, Keith Fenton, Rob Meakin who is a constituent of mine, and Jeff Ryan captured the brier in Halifax. It was Burtnyk's second win. He first won the brier 14 years ago. Mr. Burtnyk and his team will go on to represent Canada at the world curling championships in Brandon beginning on April 8. We wish him and his teammates the very best of luck.

I also wish to give my wholehearted congratulations to the University of Winnipeg Wesman women's basketball team. They won their third consecutive university championship this past weekend. The Wesman beat the University of Manitoba Bison squad 72 to 61. A healthy rivalry exists between these two teams. In fact it was earlier this year that the Bisons ended the Wesman's world record setting 88 game winning streak.

These athletes deserve recognition for their skill.

[Translation]

These athletes are champions; these Canadians are a source of inspiration to us all.

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[English]

GUN CONTROL

Ms. Shaughnessy Cohen (Windsor—St. Clair, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, come with me now to those wonderful days of yesterday, back to the days when the NDP thought themselves a force to be reckoned with.

Where are the NDP members today? Well, I will tell you that eight out of nine members of the NDP caucus are going to vote against gun control.

I look to the left and see Buzz Hargrove and the CAW. They support gun control. I look to the left and see Bob White and the CLC. They support gun control. I look to the mainstream and 80 per cent of Canadians are what I see. They support gun control.

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Where are the NDP? Oh, there they are on the right.

The Speaker: I see the NDP.

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CUBA

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway, NDP): Mr. Speaker, speaking from the left, Canada has maintained unbroken diplomatic relations with Cuba for 50 years and has established important trade and investment links with Cuba.