

rights of those countries which are currently in vogue but must adhere to a moral code which stands for the rights of the oppressed throughout the world. By refusing to meet the Dalai Lama, Canada is renegeing on its convictions.

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WELLAND

Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland—St. Catharines—Thorold): Mr. Speaker, most of the time in our statements we are complaining about one thing or another happening in our country and across the world. But today I thought I would interject a little bit of good news.

Welland, Ontario, which is situated in the heart of the Niagara peninsula, is becoming known for its magnificent outdoor wall murals. Since the inception of this outstanding tourism and economic development project in 1988, specially selected artists from across Canada have created 27 giant historical murals on building walls in this canal city.

The mural program is a special project of the Promote Welland Task Force. It is a non-profit community organization made up of Welland citizens from all walks of life. They are determined to create a basis for economic revitalization. This grass roots groups has provided the funding and the logistics for the massive artistic effort.

Welland probably boasts Canada's highest proliferation of outdoor art by professional artists. Some of these murals are as big as 82 feet by 32 feet. These can be enjoyed 12 months of the year and it is absolutely free.

We in Welland are very proud of our accomplishments and we would like Canada to be proud of us. We extend an invitation to all Canadians and, indeed, to all people throughout North America to visit the mural capital of Canada and sample our outdoor art gallery and Welland hospitality.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, almost one year ago 14 young women lost their lives when one man's hate exploded into violence at the *Ecole Polytechnique* in Montreal.

In the aftermath, the federal government promised the women of Canada that it would work to end violence

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against women. Yet the violence continues. Yesterday, a young woman student at the same school was viciously attacked. Women who face violence often have nowhere to go. The lack of shelter spaces means that one in two Canadian women who need help must be turned away.

Twenty years ago, the Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada began its report by quoting from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights". Twenty years later I call on this government to make good on their promise to the women of Canada. Stop the violence.

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THE SENATE

Mr. Dave Worthy (Cariboo—Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, recent polls have shown this government to be unpopular. This is not surprising when you realize that strong government will many times be unpopular.

Our current deficit is evidence that governments that try to gain popularity through soft legislation fail. Behind the doors of the other House, misguided Liberal senators are holding up a vital UIC bill, a government restraint bill, corporate tax reform as well as GST. These bills have all been labelled as unpopular but they will account for a turnaround of \$8 billion in our deficit.

This government is prepared to pay the price for an unpopular but effective government. We are not willing to sit by and watch as an unelected House down the hall holds our taxpayers up to an \$8 billion increase in our annual deficit.

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HIBERNIA PROJECT

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): With reference to the amendment introduced by the Hon. Member for Richelieu, Mr. Speaker, Hibernia is an expensive project which is not economically sound and even if it were some day to become financially viable the dividends and profits would go directly abroad. Most Canadian economists have shown that it is not a profitable operation as evidenced by the fact that no private corporation was prepared to get involved in this project without the support of the Federal Government.