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the employment in that particular community where, during the winter, the unemployment rate can be as high as 80 per cent.

The Government cannot have it both ways. It cannot be for jobs and then cut back on government services, particularly in remote areas. I call on the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) to delay any move of the Coast Guard out of Cartwright until he can assure the people of that community that there will be no negative impact on the community.

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VOLUNTEERS' WEEK

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTARY WORKERS

Mr. Clément M. Côté (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, last week was "Volunteers Week".

I should like to pay tribute to all those men and women who give their time for the welfare of the community. In a world which is much too often egotistic, where too many people are thinking of only themselves, this "Volunteers' Week" serves to remind us that there is more on earth than the "self" of each and everyone of us.

We are lucky to live in Canada, for Canadian men and women rank among the greatest voluntary workers in the world.

Let's have a look around us, Mr. Speaker. Volunteers are everywhere involved in medical and humanitarian services, arts and culture, sports, leisure, and many other areas of activities.

Tens of thousands of our fellow Canadians are contributing to the progress and welfare of our society through their volunteer action.

To all these people, we say thank you.

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MULTICULTURALISM

GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE—ADVICE FOR MINISTER

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of State for Multiculturalism (Mr. Jelinek) has launched a new initiative entitled "Multiculturalism Means Business". He is hopeful that drawing on Canada's ethnocultural diversity will enhance Canada's trade efforts.

The Minister clearly does not appreciate the existing importance of ethnocultural business activity. He thinks that the ethnic minorities need to be brought out of their isolation if they are to enrich Canada. These attitudes reflect the Minister's own distance from Canada's ethnocultural diversity. They reflect his failure to appreciate how this diversity is already expressed in businesses of many sorts.

These businesses, most of them small, can certainly use more capital. The Minister should join with his colleague in finding ways to provide the resources they need. The Government could do much more for them other than emphasizing how the talents of our cultural and racial groups can serve big business. The ethnocultural businesses also need strong markets, and the Minister can assist in the growth of their communities. Employment equity, which would increase incomes in these communities, is only one of the areas in which the Government makes a good pitch but fails to deliver the goods.

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COMMUNICATIONS

CANCELLATION OF PORNOGRAPHIC MESSAGE SERVICE BY BELL CANADA

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer appreciation as well as to express a serious concern. Bell Canada showed responsibility as a good corporate citizen when it blocked access to five 900 numbers which offered taped messages of graphic descriptions of sexual fantasies.

Presently the CRTC is considering whether or not it will permit 900 service on a permanent basis. Although most 900 services are legitimate, the CRTC must block the reintroduction of these sex lines.

I am concerned with the increase in offensive advertising for escort services in the *Yellow Pages*, particularly in the Toronto area. According to a recent report, the Metro Toronto Police estimate that 98 per cent of the escort services are a front for prostitution. Under the guise of legitimate businesses they even accept major credit cards.

I call upon the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) to tighten the Criminal Code, thus preventing such offensive advertising in the *Yellow Pages*.

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Tele-Direct, the company which produces the Toronto directory *Yellow Pages*, should take a lesson from Bell Canada. Let us not let prostitutes go walking through the *Yellow Pages*.