

who are selling this card say: "It is only a joke. I understand it is kind of a touchy subject, but it is something that is intended as a joke and should be taken as a joke," then, Mr. Speaker, we know we have a long way to go.

The card in question shows two male hunters toting shotguns. One says: "Yesterday I shot my wife, both kids, my mother-in-law and the Avon lady." And his friend replies: "That is terrific, but didn't you know that mother-in-law season does not open until next month."

Mr. Speaker, this was particularly difficult for the women of Manitoba to take, when there were three murders of women in this past month and the women's current or former spouses have been charged.

Mr. Speaker, I know that all of us in this House join in hoping that this kind of postcard will not be available any more in Canadian stores.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval-Ouest): Mr. Speaker, yesterday saw the wind-up of a very successful second annual Science and Technology Week. Approximately 1,000 events across the country exposed Canadians to the wonders of science and technology during the 10-day extravaganza.

We had so many events planned this year that we had to extend National Science and Technology Week to 10 days, from October 17 to October 27, 1991. Science and Technology Week is a national celebration, co-ordinated by Industry, Science and Technology Canada in full partnership with all the provinces and territories, science, technology and engineering associations, educational institutions and the private sector.

At the national launch at the Museum of Science and Technology, our Minister of Science announced \$1.8 million in funding by science and culture in Canada for activities that increase public awareness of science and technology.

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As part of the federal government's ongoing efforts to alert young Canadians for the exciting dimension of science and technology in our everyday lives, the science minister unveiled a new public awareness campaign video that will reach millions of kids across Canada.

[Translation]

The growing popularity of this national event proves that Canadians are becoming increasingly aware of the link between science and technology and Canada's prosperity. The Canadian government has made a long-term commitment to using education to upgrade our skills in science and technology —

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Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's time has expired.

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SENIOR CITIZENS

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, tomorrow morning the Princess of Wales will declare 1992 as the year of Help the Aged in Canada. The princess will address a group of people asking them to support efforts to alleviate poverty for seniors around the world. The project is sponsored by Help the Aged Canada and its fellow groups around the world.

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Far too often we forget how good we have things and we need events such as this to remind ourselves that there are people who desperately need our help.

Seniors around the world face a daily struggle with poverty, including seniors here in Canada. As members of Parliament we should work together to eliminate poverty among our older generation.

Seniors built our country and bore the burden of development around the world. It is time for us to do what we can to help those who have helped us. Let us make 1992 a year of progress for our seniors.

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Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the negotiations to reach a negotiated settlement for a new