

RESPONSIBILITIES

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, every day we hear Canadians talking about our rights. Very few talk about our responsibilities. We have a Charter of Rights. We need a corresponding charter of responsibilities.

We need a charter expressly declaring that every Canadian has the responsibility to vote in an election, to work to pay their own way, to contribute to society, to solve as many of their own problems as possible without automatically looking to government, to get an education, training or trade, to pay attention to their own health since it affects all society; to do the best job possible of raising their children, to treat others with decency and respect, to keep their temper, to be fair, to set a good example for others and to give more than they get.

It is these responsibilities along with our rights and freedoms that make up the fundamental values of our society and that bind us together as Canadians.

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NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas): Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of National Police Week, I would like to thank law enforcement officers across Canada for the excellent work they provide the public.

I would also like to give particular recognition to those officers who will be participating in the 1991 Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics.

Sponsored by the Canadian and provincial chiefs of police, this year's run will have over 8,800 officers covering a total distance of 15,000 kilometres, and is expected to raise \$1.1 million.

The money collected from the torch run will go toward promoting sport, physical recreation and fitness programs for the mentally handicapped.

On behalf of this House, I wish to extend our appreciation to Canada's finest for their efforts on behalf of the Special Olympics and also to police forces throughout the country for the dedicated service they provide their communities.

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TRADE

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, the United States today moved one step closer to approving fast-track negotiations for a Mexico-Canada-U.S. free trade deal.

This is not good news for Mexico. As the opposition leader there says: "We consider that this particular deal will consolidate the subordinate relationship Mexico already has with the U.S. economy."

Nor is it good news for Canada. In the last year, we have lost 418,000 full-time jobs in this country, mostly due to the present deal we have with the U.S. An extension to Mexico will just make things worse.

In my community alone, 40 factories shut last year, with most plants shifting to the U.S. or Mexico.

This government still has the chance to listen to the majority of Canadians who oppose this new deal. I urge them to do so for the sake of fair economic relations and Canadian jobs.

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THE ECONOMY

Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, finally there is light at the end of the tunnel. That was the finding in a recent survey on business confidence conducted by the Conference Board of Canada.

Results of the survey indicated that 47 per cent of the 400 companies polled by the Conference Board indicated they believed an economic recovery would begin within the next six months, the highest level since 1984.

Restored confidence, as outlined in the Speech from the Throne yesterday, means new investment. New investment means meaningful jobs and a better way of life for all Canadians.

This government has taken the tough decisions on fighting the deficit and holding down inflation. This news from the Conference Board of Canada confirms that while our decisions are not always popular, they are in the long-term good for the country.