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I want to congratulate Mr. Danek Modzenski for having been chosen as the sculptor of the Pearson statue, and I also want to indicate my appreciation to the Hon. Member for Lincoln (Mrs. Martin), the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Works, who was the chairman of our committee and without whose help all of this would not have been possible. I also want to thank the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McInnes) for agreeing to erecting a statue in honour of the Right Hon. Lester B. Pearson.

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CANADA

A SALUTE

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, Canada is a fantasy land to millions of people in almost every country in the world. Productive soils, abundant grasslands, beautiful hills and mountains treasuring minerals galore, pure cold waters, timberlands, animals and fish, everything desirable to ambitious humans to work and build, with a burning hope to own their own land are all in Canada. No wonder people of every race and colour and creed want to live in the Land of the Maple Leaf.

I like to think of Canada as a vast mosaic containing something typical of every peoples and the countries from which they came. I salute Canada, the land of the brave and the home of the free!

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THE FRANCHISE

RIGHTS OF THE DISABLED

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, the New Democratic Party fully supports the granting of full citizenship to all persons who have previously been denied the right to vote because of a developmental, mental or physical disability. Bill C-79 is an omnibus piece of legislation intended to amend Canada's election laws and it includes amendments which would correct this injustice to Canada's disabled community. I am sure Hon. Members on all sides of the House would want to see those amendments passed.

We in this Party have said in the House and in letters to the Government that we would fully support amendments concerning the rights of the disabled. In fact, New Democrats say again that we would be prepared to agree to limited debate on these amendments and would pass them in all stages without undue delay once they are introduced in the House. On behalf of my Party, I urge the Government to bring these

amendments forward in the form of a separate Bill as quickly as possible, especially since we face an impending election.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING NATIONAL PROGRAM TO DEAL WITH PCBs

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the federal Liberals let PCBs into Canada. Today, we in Canada are trying to rid the country of all the PCBs that the federal Liberals allowed in without any planning during their 20 years in office. We urgently need a national program for all aspects of the PCB problem, including identification of all PCB storage sites, federal Government inspections to enforce the national storage and surveillance standards, and a technology to neutralize PCBs instead of incinerating them.

It took the Saint-Basile-le-Grand disaster to wake the federal, provincial and municipal Governments up.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Canada are entitled to better protection. Government means anticipating events!

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

INSTALLATION OF GREEN MAILBOXES

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, green post boxes are growing like mushrooms in Canada since the Tory Government took office in 1984. Mr. Tony Elisi of St. Léonard woke up one morning and found four green mailboxes in front of his house. Four green mailboxes in front of any house is disgusting. Imagine how his house will look when the supermailboxes replace those green boxes. Through you, Mr. Speaker, I would ask any Member of Parliament if he or she would buy a house with four mailboxes in front of it. No, no one would have the courage to buy that house.

For two months I have been asking Canada Post to do something about removing those boxes and relieving Mr. Elisi of this ugly problem. However, Canada Post only says that it will remove them when it replaces them with supermailboxes. What consolation for Mr. Elisi. I think it is time that Canadians threw the Government out of office so that we can change this ugly policy of installing supermailboxes and green boxes in front of beautiful Canadian homes.