

continue Jean-Claude Malépart's work in the riding and at the centre he founded for the poor and the elderly.

I think it is particularly appropriate to remember him because every day we should be mindful of the fact that the neediest are also those who will probably suffer most as a result of legislation we pass in this House. I think it is also appropriate because it is clear in these eventful times for a Quebecer, Jean-Claude Malépart, who had his heart in the right place, would probably be sitting with us on the Bloc Québécois benches. I also want you to remember him because we all miss Jean-Claude very much.

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[English]

SOCIALIST AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt): Mr. Speaker, I bring to the attention of this House and Canadians in general the weekly socialist awards of excellence. The nominees are:

First, in British Columbia it is a standard practice for those following the NDP doctrine always to stand up for the little guy, except of course when the little guy is a small printer who this B.C. resident owes money to.

Second, in Ontario it is a common practice for NDP self-appointed champions of the underprivileged and homeless to continue to live in housing subsidized by the taxpayers of Canada, yet receive a benefits package worth some \$100,000 per year.

Third, an NDPer in Alberta who follows the example of the Ontario NDPers and also continues to slurp at the trough of public housing while making four times the average Canadian salary.

And the winner is: The envelope, please.

The person from British Columbia who, when discovering that the shield of special legal privileges would not protect his ample hide, decided finally to pay off his debts so that the tactics that were tried to avoid paying what he owed would not come to light.

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CORPORATE TAXATION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Now, Mr. Speaker, for the real awards.

Today our nominees for corporate welfare bum of the week are: first, Xerox Canada, with \$75 million in profits in 1988 and zero taxes paid; second, American Barrick Resources Corporation, with \$30.5 million in profits, American dollars, and no taxes paid in Canada; and, last but not least, our new kid on the block is Amex Bank of Canada that went into business on Canada Day in 1990 and had profits in 1989 in the United States of \$23 billion.

Now for the winner. The envelope, please.

Thank you very much. The winner is Amex Bank of Canada. Congratulations to this American non-bank bank that has proven once again that it pays to have friends in high places.

In exchange for assisting the Conservatives on the free trade agreement, Amex received its reward in the form of full bank status in Canada, with the privileges of the Schedule I banks.

American Express has proved its motto, that when it comes to getting a good deal and a special deal from Michael Wilson, don't leave home without it.

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GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, last Tuesday in Queen's Park, the New Democratic Party once again showed it is tailor-made for the opposition benches where it excels in high-flown speeches and promises of largesse.

Faced with the pressures of government, the NDP has suddenly become vague and evasive about its commitments. Franco-Ontarians will not easily forget last Tuesday's Throne Speech, when Bob Rae's government refused to make Ontario a bilingual province. In addition, this Throne Speech did not contain a single commitment to Franco-Ontarians. What an about-face, what a betrayal of Ontario's Francophones who were promised so much during the last campaign!