

There are now five weeks left to Meech. All Canadians are counting down to Meech. All Canadians are counting on Canada's First Ministers.

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JUSTICE

Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg St. James): Mr. Speaker, I want to use the next minute to implore the Minister of Justice to get a move on in the David Milgaard case.

David Milgaard has been in jail for 21 years for a murder he says he never committed and there is now serious doubt as to his guilt. Even the RCMP are interviewing a suspect in the case.

Despite the fact that the Department of Justice was asked more than a year ago to reopen the case, the file has yet to reach the desk of the minister. Why? What is behind this procrastination? Is it sloth? Is it indifference? Is it hubris? Is it the desire to protect the reputations of certain individuals?

Whatever the reason, it is now time for the Minister of Justice to act on the David Milgaard case, for justice delayed is justice denied.

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STANDING COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to inform the House of a significant development with respect to the Standing Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs. That committee, last Thursday, sent a summons to the Canadian Union of Public Employees indicating the union is an important witness in our study of the economic effects of the GST. CUPE President Jeff Rose has now responded saying he will appear before the committee next Tuesday evening.

This is an example of responsible leadership. Mr. Rose and I may disagree fundamentally on a number of issues but I would like to hold Mr. Rose up as a model of a responsible labour leader in this country and I urge every other labour leader in the country to be as responsible. I hope Shirley Carr is listening.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur): Mr. Speaker, last February 15 I made some comments in this House concerning the finance ministry's provision of brochures, in one official language only, to residents of my riding concerning the goods and services tax. On May 1, I again received a letter from a constituent complaining that he had received government information concerning the GST in one language only.

[*Translation*]

The same problem also occurred throughout the Acadian peninsula where a number of people received a GST English-only publication from the Government of Canada.

I have to remind the Minister of Finance that the residents of the riding of Restigouche—Chaleur are bilingual and that New Brunswick is the only officially bilingual province in Canada.

My constituents expect bilingual services and the government must see to it that they do.

How much longer must New Brunswickers wait until the federal government offers them services in both official languages?

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[*English*]

ANTI-SEMITISM

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, Canadians are sickened at the barbarous desecration of Jewish graves and the mutilation of a corpse that occurred last week in France which stimulated similar incidents over the weekend.

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Parliamentarians and all persons who respect human rights and abhor racism join with Jews to lament and protest such anti-Semitic acts which create fear of another holocaust and bring shame on us all.

As Canadians we must not be complacent. In 1987, B'Nai Brith recorded a 57 per cent rise in acts of bigotry against the Jewish communities. In Toronto alone there were 39 reports of harassment of Jews. Six desecrations