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Does the minister of energy now agree with the statement by the Minister of the Environment? The environment minister is, so far, alone in his conviction and his announcement does not mean much until cabinet supports him. Time is of the essence.

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[Translation]

ANTISEMITISM

Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne): Madam Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to express before the House the indignation felt by all of us today after the desecration of the Jewish community's cemetery yesterday in Sainte-Foy, near Quebec City.

I am sure I express the general feeling in this country, Madam Speaker, when most strenuously I condemn these outrageous and inhuman acts. Those responsible have violated values that are fundamental to this country, and I am referring to respect for human rights and tolerance.

The fact that these racist acts were committed in Quebec certainly does not mean, Madam Speaker, that the Jewish community is not held in high esteem.

This is, without a doubt, an isolated incident that all Quebecers and Canadians unanimously condemn.

In concluding, Madam Speaker, I propose that all members of this House express their solidarity with the people affected by this incident as well as their sympathy with the entire Jewish community in Quebec and Canada.

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[English]

HEALTH

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Madam Speaker, a report released yesterday by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women stated that too much money is spent on expensive technological fixes for infertility, while not enough is spent on basic reproductive health promotion.

Instead of tackling the problems that cause infertility, such as sexually-transmitted diseases, the federal government has poured funds into research on new reproductive technologies. In 1988, \$3.5 million went into such research, while a mere \$400,000 was spent on public

health and research activities related to reproductive disorders.

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The success rate of procedures such as *in vitro* fertilization is very low. Moreover, such procedures carry an unacceptably high emotional and physical risk to women who undergo them. The desperation these women feel is understandable. The government's failure to address the causes of infertility is not.

The report released yesterday points out that there are relatively inexpensive and simple methods to help prevent infertility. Surely, it is in the best interests of women for the government to promote prevention rather than to submit them to experimental procedures of dubious value.

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THE ECONOMY

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): Madam Speaker, a serious drop in real estate sales has traditionally been the most reliable and the most consistent indication that this country is moving into a recession. The continuing high interest rate policy, coupled with the effects that the proposed goods and services tax is going to have on the economy, is starting to be felt in the real estate industry in our various communities.

When is the government going to realize its high interest rates and high tax policies are not working, and announce a new approach to our economy with which ordinary Canadians can live?

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Lee Richardson (Calgary Southeast): Madam Speaker, let us hope that the Minister of the Environment is not being too optimistic by promising, as he did in Norway this week, to freeze carbon dioxide emissions at present levels to the end of the decade. Canadians eagerly await the details of how this commitment would be kept.

Reducing carbon dioxide emissions will not be easy. Canadians are growing more conscious of their energy consumption and of alternate forms of energy.

Earlier this week, Alberta took a large step in that direction when Energy Minister Rick Orman announced the creation of the Alberta Office of Renewable Energy Technology. This new office will play a key role in promoting province-wide support for renewable energy