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economy as well as save the ozone and protect people's health.

This government has too little courage. Instead of allocating federal resources in Canadian technology that could be exported to the rest of the world, it takes timid baby steps when giant strides are necessary.

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ST. CATHARINES

Mr. Ken Atkinson (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, the recent announcement by General Motors of job cuts was a severe blow to the people of St. Catharines.

The immediate reaction to the news was naturally one of anger, resentment and anxiety about the future of the city as well as a temptation to place blame for the situation. While understandable, these emotions are not going to help our community.

Within days of the announcement there was a meeting of business people, labour leaders and individuals from all levels of government representing the three main political parties. The tone of the meeting was one of commitment to co-operate in trying to find solutions to our economic situation.

It is unfortunate that it took a problem of this magnitude to get everyone to work together, but clearly that is how we will succeed.

St. Catharines has many significant assets, but easily the best is its people. I am confident the citizens of the garden city will prosper in the face of this setback. I know we will all continue to work together to ensure our future success.

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[Translation]

BILL C-13

Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu): Mr. Speaker, over the past four days, the Bloc Quebecois has been struggling to amend Bill C-13, which runs directly counter to Quebec's best interest.

Yesterday, the Quebec National Assembly passed a unanimous resolution condemning this bill. Today, Premier Bourassa, the Quebec Manufacturers' Association

and the Quebec Chamber of Commerce are asking federal MPs from Quebec to kill this bill.

Here is a chance for the Conservative MPs from Quebec to fight for their homeland instead of for their party. They must refuse to destroy Quebec's economy and to personify domineering federalism.

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FRASER RIVER DEBRIS CONTROL BOARD

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, I welcome the commitment by the Department of Transport to continue federal funding of the Fraser River log trap located in the heart of my constituency.

Some 11 kilometres up the Fraser River from Agassiz in my riding of Fraser Valley East the log trap clears debris from the Fraser River ensuring the safety of river traffic downstream.

There was some concern that the federal commitment to this operation would lapse. I joined my B.C. colleagues and with much perseverance we persuaded the Department of Transport to reconsider its commitment to the Fraser River Debris Control Board. As a result, the \$180,000 annual federal contribution to the Fraser River Debris Control Board will be maintained for the next five years.

The debris trap collects 100,000 cubic metres of debris each year and contributes to the bulk of the board's operations. I trust that this addresses any concerns as to the federal government's commitment to navigational safety on the Fraser River.

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IMMIGRATION

Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, how insensitive and incoherent has our immigration policy become? And how unreasonable the decisions of our department of immigration and its refugee determination board? Their decisions deal with people as just so many ciphers, and Canada's reputation for understanding and humanity is suffering as a result.

The plight of the Rees family is a case in point. Keran and Gale Rees have been ideal parents of an ideal Canadian family since their arrival in this country in June 1988. Keran became a valued part of the production