

I would like to draw the attention of the House to the presence of Mr. Hamel, the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada, in our gallery.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

#### BLUNDER COMMITTED BY PREMIER OF QUEBEC IN RELATION TO ITALY

**Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Madam Speaker, perhaps I may also welcome the Chief Electoral Officer, who is from the riding of Lotbinière.

Madam Speaker, this afternoon I would like to express to the House my sorrow and surprise at the manner in which the Premier of the Province of Quebec is representing the Province abroad.

Today I read in the newspaper *La Presse*, and that is why I have the paper in front of me, that the President of the Republic of Italy, Mr. Sandro Pertini, was returning his passport to the 1534-1984 celebrations, saying that he was, and I quote:

—very upset about Mr. Lévesque's attempts at exploiting his words and the perversely erroneous interpretation he had given.

The article goes on to say:

In protest, Mr. Pertini's advisor gave Mr. Hardy,

—a representative of the Government of Canada, the passport, asking him to return it to Mr. Lévesque, who had given it to the President.

Madam Speaker, I am rather surprised that the Premier of a Province like Quebec should think he can afford to say things abroad and then tell us afterwards that it was not as bad as all that, as he said yesterday in the National Assembly.

I think that all these attempts to promote Quebec, including what Mr. Lévesque did in Italy, are actually hurting the interests of Quebecers and the Province of Quebec in general. Madam Speaker, I hope that Quebecers will remember this occurrence and remind the Premier of the Province of Quebec of his mistakes.

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[English]

### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### MURDER COMMITTED BY RELEASED SEXUAL OFFENDER

**Mr. Alex Patterson (Fraser Valley East):** Madam Speaker, last Sunday night on the CTV program, *W-5*, we saw a prime

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example of why Canadians have no trust in the criminal justice system as run by the Government. Canadians witnessed the tragic events surrounding the abduction and murder of 15 year old Corina Carlson of Thunder Bay, by a man who was convicted of sexual offences on five previous occasions and who admitted to seven others. He was turned loose into an unsuspecting community by a justice system which apparently is incapable of protecting, or unwilling to protect innocent members of society.

The murderer's lawyer made a very startling indictment of our system when he alleged that there is no way this could have been prevented. Canadians need to know from the Minister of Justice (Mr. MacGuigan) and the Solicitor General (Mr. Kaplan) whether this allegation is correct and what they intend to do to remedy the situation. Canadians are fed up with the bleeding heart Liberal approach to the administration of justice. They want some action on the protection of society. Mrs. Carlson put it very forcefully and eloquently when she said that the offender has all kinds of rights under this system, but the victims have no rights. I happen to agree with her.

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#### ARGENTINA—CALL FOR SUPPORT OF DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East):** Madam Speaker, several weeks ago the country of Argentina returned a democratic Government after about ten years of military rule. One of the first things that the new President, Raul Alfonsin, has done, has been to issue a decree saying that the nine generals who were in charge of Argentina during that period will be brought to trial for murder, torture, and other crimes against human rights. Argentina, at this time, is also in a very grave economic situation.

I would like to call upon this House of Commons, and all people interested in justice through law, to support the efforts of the new Government of Argentina. Otherwise the same problem could return. In two countries bordering Argentina—Chile and Uruguay—the same military type of takeover and oppression of people is continuing. It is important that the Government of Argentina know that it has the support of democratic Governments all over the world. I believe that it has taken a great deal of courage to bring to the fore immediately the problems that the generals and the military have caused their own countrymen.

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### WELFARE

#### AMOUNT OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE RECEIVED BY RESIDENT IN CONSTITUENCY OF WELLAND

**Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland):** Madam Speaker, I am faced with a dilemma which I thought I should share with my colleagues in the House. During the Conservative leadership