

The key to a prosperous and united Canada is co-operation which is being demonstrated by the Canadian Federation of Labour. We should all follow its example.

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[Translation]

### 2002 WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES

**Mr. Patrick Gagnon (Bonaventure—Îles-de-la-Madeleine):** Mr. Speaker, Quebec City is about to present a bid to host the 2002 Olympic Games. If its bid is successful, investments totalling hundreds of millions of dollars will be required from the various levels of government, including the government of Canada.

The mayor of Quebec City should be required to commit to investing or spending 20 per cent of the olympic budget in rural areas of Quebec.

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For example, men's and women's downhill racing events should be held in the Gaspé Peninsula, because the railway and airport facilities required to welcome athletes and visitors are already in place.

**Some hon. members:** Ha, ha.

**Mr. Gagnon:** Go ahead. Laugh. We are the only defenders of the regions, you know.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Gagnon:** Quebec 2002 is the perfect opportunity to revitalize regional economies and will provide a forum to promote these areas of Quebec throughout the world. We demand nothing less than a fair distribution of the Olympics' spin-offs between Quebec City and the surrounding areas.

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### QUEBEC CITY-WINDSOR HIGH-SPEED TRAIN

**Mr. Roger Pomerleau (Anjou—Rivière-des-Prairies):** Mr. Speaker, today saw the inauguration of the tunnel under the English Channel which will join Great Britain and France via high-speed train. This train will cross the border of these two sovereign countries with the speed for which it is known. The borders of sovereign countries do not stop trains or communication lines.

So how can the Liberal government still drag its feet on the Quebec City-Windsor high-speed train? This project will be good for the economy, whatever Quebec decides about sovereignty.

The high-speed train must not become a political football; rather, it must be seen as an economic issue that could create thousands of jobs.

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### CHILDREN IN BOSNIA

**Mrs. Jan Brown (Calgary Southeast):** Mr. Speaker, I wrote this because of the plight and tragedy of Bosnian children and I wrote this because I am a mother. It is called "Picture This":

Picture this  
 Little stories, horror of the war zone  
 on the late night news.  
 Picture this  
 Bosnia's joyless children,  
 a reminder of war's human face.  
 Picture this  
 Small sad voices surge to wild cries  
 exploding in a rush of flesh and steel and bone.  
 Picture this  
 Pillows wet with acid tears,  
 cameos of babyhood, a grieving reminder.  
 Picture this  
 Tiny broken bodies languish in therapy  
 crippled limbs, mindless thoughts, blistered experience.  
 Picture this  
 The sweet and precious face of your child  
 and surely we all wanted to help

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### YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

**Mr. John Maloney (Erie):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak of a serious concern in the minds of many Canadians, namely the often inadequate protection of society from some of the criminals who fall within the terms of the Young Offenders Act.

Under the present legislation these individuals may commit serious violent crimes and subsequently not be profoundly inconvenienced by the response of the criminal justice system.

The Young Offenders Act needs to be revisited in the light of 10 years of experience and the results thereof which are often not laudable when dealing with crimes of a violent nature.

Later today I will be presenting a petition which thousands of Canadians have signed throwing their support behind the Pinard and Racine families in their crusade to have youths convicted of serious crimes severely punished and kept in custody longer than they are at present.

The Pinard family lost its eldest daughter, Carrie, to senseless violence on August 10, 1992 in a Toronto apartment building. A companion, Cheryl Racine, was scarred for life both physically and mentally. This tragedy is an example of our inability to eradicate the use of guns in our society and to control violent behaviour in general, especially among our youth. We have yet to find the balance between protecting our society and helping our troubled youth. At present neither benefits.

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### SOUTH AFRICAN ELECTIONS

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, I was honoured to be part of the Canadian election observer team in South Africa for two weeks under the very able leadership of the Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa.