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I want to send my congratulations to the new president and the YWCA board and ask them to continue their fight for the women of Canada.

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**INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE**

**Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte):** Madam Speaker, provincial trade ministers met in Vancouver this week to discuss the elimination of trade barriers between the provinces.

It appears that a process has been negotiated which will lead to a dismantling of barriers. This agreement, scheduled to take effect by July 1994, is most welcome and long overdue. Provinces should be commended for recognizing that it is time to tear down the obstacles that hinder growth within the Canadian economy.

According to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, 95 per cent of its member companies said they received no benefit from internal trade barriers. The elimination of these barriers will go a long way toward strengthening the economies of our provinces and will benefit all Canadians.

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**UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA HEART INSTITUTE**

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke):** Madam Speaker, I recently had the great privilege of returning to the House of Commons after demolishing my car in a serious car accident, followed by urgent preventative open heart surgery. The potential heart problem was discovered by Dr. Leach and his wonderful cardiology personnel at the National Defence Medical Centre.

The operation was performed by Dr. Wilbert Keon and his staff at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute at the Ottawa Civic Hospital before a major problem could occur.

When I returned to this House I was taken by storm when all members on both sides of this Chamber rose to give me a very warm welcome back. I extend my very sincere thanks to all members for that excellent dose of

mental therapy. In spite of what many may think this place has its moments of decency, kindness and understanding, and I thank everyone for it.

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I pay tribute to Dr. Wilbert Keon to whom many of us owe our lives. This man could have gone off to California, Texas or Boston and written his own financial contract. He chose to stay home and to build a first class heart institute in the nation's capital and at the same time to train other medical personnel. We thousands who owe our lives to him and his colleagues salute him as a great and dedicated Canadian.

At the same time our best from all members of the House goes out to Mr. Speaker, his wife, Kate, and family as he recuperates in Vancouver. We wish him well.

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**TONY AWARDS**

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam):** Madam Speaker, I am particularly pleased to make this statement seeing that you, a former actress, are in the chair. I want to extend the congratulations of the House to my old friend, Brent Carver, who this week received a Tony Award for his role in the Broadway musical *Kiss of a Spider Woman*.

Brent is from Cranbrook, British Columbia. I first met him in the Arts Club of Vancouver. I want to congratulate also Garth Drabinsky, Live Entertainment of Canada Inc., Des McAnuff on his director's award and Adrea Martin on her best feature actress award.

These people were probably born talented, but I would remind the House that Brent and the others have been beneficiaries of Canadian government public investment in the arts, in theatre and in films.

In accepting her award Adrea Martin thanked her family, and I quote, "for giving me my roots and my hairdresser, Gary, for restoring them to their natural colour".

We thank them all for their Canadian roots. It was a great week for Canadian talent in New York.