

*S. O. 31*

It being two o'clock p.m., the House will now proceed to Statements by Members, pursuant to Standing Order 31. The hon. member for Fundy—Royal.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal):** Mr. Speaker, once again this government would like to thank the Independent Order of Foresters for proclaiming October as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The IOF's continued commitment to the prevention of child abuse and the dedication of professionals and volunteers are fine examples of the work being done in co-operation with the government to bring awareness of this crucial societal problem because child abuse is a problem that concerns all Canadians.

Child abuse, whether physical, sexual or emotional is the problem of society as a whole and of each person as an individual and only by working in collaboration with all levels of government and non-government organizations will we begin to stop these tragedies.

In this spirit the government renewed our commitment toward the prevention of child abuse by announcing a new four-year family violence initiative in February 1991. It involves seven federal departments and agencies and will encourage the development of programs which increase public awareness, effective prevention and treatment measures, enhanced training of professionals and volunteers and exchange of information.

This government is committed to working toward the elimination of child abuse.

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## SPORT

**Mr. John Brewin (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, sport in Canada is potentially facing a very serious crisis as a result of events of the last week or so as well as events leading up to it. It is necessary for the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport to act quickly to restore confidence and morale in the sport community.

Last week Abby Hoffman was removed as director general of Sport Canada. This weekend in Victoria at the

national coaching seminar organized by the Coaching Association of Canada a petition signed by 151 of Canada's leading coaches condemned the removal of Abby Hoffman particularly as it occurred four months before the winter Olympics and nine months before the summer Olympics. The petition says that the action demonstrated complete lack of respect and concern for the athletes and coaches preparing to represent Canada.

I call on the government to move quickly and decisively to restore confidence and morale in the sporting community in Canada.

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## PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**Mr. Harry Chadwick (Bramalea—Gore—Malton):** Mr. Speaker, airport officials at Lester B. Pearson International Airport are full of promises.

Noise will be brought under control, they said. Imagine our frustration when recent reports showed that aircraft continue to stray from designated flight paths.

Noise complaints will decrease, they said. Imagine our disappointment when we learned that the recent report of a 12 per cent decrease in noise complaints can be attributed to a 9.5 per cent decrease in over-all aviation activity.

We will install a sophisticated noise monitoring system designed to catch violators, they said. Imagine our frustration when we learned that the same sophisticated system remains virtually unusable while it awaits a final connection to radar.

Airport officials might as well forget about making any more promises because we cannot hear them any more. Maybe it is a lack of faith and we are just not listening or maybe our hearing is becoming impaired from all that noise. We are not sure. In Bramalea—Gore—Malton the truth is a little hazy these days.

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## WOMEN

**Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax):** Mr. Speaker, a so-called humorous postcard depicting male hunters discussing killing women and children has outraged women both within the province where it has been sold, Manitoba, and across Canada. It shows that the sickness abroad in society has not yet been cured, and indeed, when people