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[Translation]

SOCIAL HOUSING

Mr. Mark Assad (Gatineau—La Lièvre): Mr. Speaker, the government's decision to reduce its financial contribution to social housing is incomprehensible in the present context. There is a long waiting list for such housing not only in Quebec but in all the provinces of Canada.

The success of the Co-operative Housing Program in particular is an obvious reason to maintain funding for housing in Canada. An Ottawa Valley organization called "Logemen'occupe" clearly showed the confusion that exists in the department responsible for social housing. All organizations concerned with housing for the less fortunate in our society express their strong disagreement and disappointment and ask the government to reinstate the Federal Co-operative Housing Program immediately and to reallocate the \$6.1 million that had been provided for it in 1992-93.

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[English]

KURT BROWNING

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Mr. Speaker, Olympian skater Kurt Browning made a lot of Canadian chests swell with pride last night during a performance he gave at the exhibition gala of the World Figure Skating Championships in Oakland, California.

Not content just to win a silver medal at that championship, Kurt last night performed a spectacular interpretive dance on what it means to be a Canadian. To the strains of the new symphonic version of *O Canada*, Browning's performance had every Canadian in the arena on their feet and cheering.

Starting this Thursday in Vancouver, Kurt Browning will skate his way across Canada in the *Stars On Ice* show, arriving in Halifax at the end of the month. At the conclusion of each show he will again skate and dance to this version of the national anthem.

Thanks, Kurt, for reminding us again of all the things that are right about this country. We are proud of you, we are proud of Canada.

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BOSNIA-HERCEGOVINA

Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland): Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness and concern that we read about the worst fighting in central Bosnia since the Second World War. At least 100 people have been reported killed in battles of inter-ethnic warfare. Authorities are unable to halt these violent events which are leading to an all-out war between pro-independent Croats and Muslims on the one side, and Serbs and the army on the other.

This violence has erupted on the eve of a meeting by European Community foreign ministers who may recognize Bosnia-Herzegovina as an independent state. Serbians have claimed that such recognition would lead to further violence.

Eight hundred and fifty Canadian troops stationed in Germany are scheduled to begin leaving for Yugoslavia to join the peacekeeping force and a contingent of 270 Canadian engineers are already on site. I am concerned that the renewed fighting is putting at risk the lives of peacekeepers and Canadians would like reassurances that the 850 troops will be in a relatively secure position.

I recognize the important role of peacekeepers and I hope that peacekeeping forces are able to stabilize the situation. With the deteriorating situation, UN peacekeeping operations are being tested in the extreme but must be maintained with their safety protected.

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TRANSFER PAYMENTS

Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, I want to place on the record some figures in point form on federal transfer payments to the province of New Brunswick.

1. They are expected to total almost \$2 billion this year.
2. They will account for about 39 per cent of New Brunswick's revenues.
3. They have grown at an annual average rate of 5.7 per cent since 1984-85.
4. They will total over \$2,100 per capita this year, 70 per cent higher than the national average.