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basis. Yet cars powered by methanol are clean-burning and environmentally friendly. Because methanol can be made from natural gas, wood, coal, corn or grains, Canada could have an inexhaustible supply of energy—if we were to put the resources and determination behind it.

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Already methanol is a billion dollar industry in western Canada, with most of the production going to the United States where clean air laws favour that fuel.

I urge Canadians to consider methanol and I invite members of this House this afternoon to have a look at the World of Wheels alternative fuel vehicles outside.

The time has come to think beyond oil.

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CANADA POST

Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I received 310 letters and two petitions, signed by some 751 people, all in protest of the proposed closure of the post office in South Ohio, Nova Scotia. They are the latest victims of Canada Post's drive to close rural post offices in Canada.

They join other angry people in South West Nova whose vigorous protests against the closure of their post offices have been ignored by Canada Post.

These are the people missed by Canada Post when it did a survey that showed 90 per cent of its rural customers are happy with these closures.

These are the people who have not been fooled by Canada Post's efforts to hide the serious impact these closures will have on all rural Canadians by announcing only one at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the minister responsible to direct Canada Post to come clean with its rural customers and reveal the total number of post offices it intends to close so that they have an opportunity to all come together at once to defend their clear right to the best possible postal service this Canadian government can give.

JUSTICE

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, this morning Canadians awoke to the news that Conservatives want to be above the law. Yesterday the Tories used their majority muscle in a legislative committee to force through changes in the law which govern MPs and Senators. They want to be tipped off to any RCMP criminal investigations into their parliamentary affairs.

In other words, the Conservatives are creating a two-tiered justice system—one level for Tory MPs and another for ordinary Canadians.

Earlier this year, the Minister of Justice said there could only be one law for Canadians. She told the House: "We cannot pick and choose when we want to apply the law and we cannot pick and choose which laws we want to obey". A few weeks later her colleagues are looking for special laws for Tory MPs.

There seem to be no limits to the abuses of this government. To further their misguided agenda, the Tories are willing to break all conventions, abuse closure, stack the Senate, and now they want to give themselves special legal privileges.

No wonder Canadians have such contempt for this government.

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THE ECONOMY

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, enough is enough. Moncton has been hard hit by the Conservative agenda. We lost the CN shops for a total of 1,500 jobs, the government destroyed VIA Rail for a loss of 200 jobs. The closure of CFB Moncton will result in the loss of another 400 jobs, and now CN says it is looking to cut 70 jobs, and Air Canada expects to cut 13.

Taking 70 jobs out of Moncton does not sound like much, but it is roughly equivalent to taking 1,800 jobs from a city the size of Montreal.

We are in a made-in-Canada recession as a result of this government's high interest rate and high dollar policies. We need a government that is sensitive to communities, especially those that have already paid a hard and heavy price for the disastrous Tory economic and fiscal policies.