

only because of the hard work of its organizers and 350 volunteers, as well as the support of its sponsors.

These volunteers make an invaluable contribution; thanks to them, our roads are safer in this holiday season and we should all be grateful to them for that.

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### HEALTH

**Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam):** Mr. Speaker, for months I have pushed the minister of health and welfare to review the whole issue of the safety of all breast implants. He said we will have to wait for the U.S. to lead.

The U.S. has led. On Monday a federal jury in San Francisco found that Dow Corning Corporation misrepresented safety tests on all breast implants and led women to believe its implants were safe when it did not have the data to prove it.

The decision found Dow Corning guilty of fraud.

This is the minister's opportunity to take action to review all of the data that has been submitted by all of the manufacturers of breast implants sold in Canada about the safety of all of those implants, to review the life expectancy of breast implants, the incidence of implant ruptures, the impact of silicone on the immune system of implant rupture victims, and the health care requirements of those who became victims of failed implants.

The minister has promised to act on U.S. evidence. Here is new evidence. We are asking will the minister act now.

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### TAMILS

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville):** Mr. Speaker, there is still an urgent need to halt the killing of Tamils in Sri Lanka. Over a year ago Amnesty International issued a stinging report condemning Colombo for carrying out indiscriminate campaigns against Tamil citizens.

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The report stated: "Many people have been arbitrarily rounded up, and sometimes killed, on the basis of anonymous accusations of subversive involvement".

I call upon Canada and other concerned nations to persuade Colombo to repeal the constitutional amendment that deprives Tamils of free representation in their Parliament. We must organize a United Nations sponsored commission to investigate the killings and to bring an end to the violence and tragic abuse of human rights.

Also the Tamils in the northern province, especially the Jaffna district, are in dire need of food and medical supplies. People are starving to death. We must offer our assistance.

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### TAXATION

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, those deadbeats in the Ontario NDP government are at it again with their morbid policies.

Not content with killing jobs in Ontario and bludgeoning people cold with tax increases, the NDP is now considering taxing tombstones. What a monumental error. It was not enough that the GST ghouls in Ottawa are taxing funerals. Small wonder our economy is moribund.

No matter how you cut it, Mr. Speaker, this policy is a grave mistake. The NDP tax vampires who plan to tax tombstones should be entombed themselves.

Come to think of it, the NDP is doing a good job at burying itself. And there is another nail in the NDP coffin.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

**Mr. René Soetens (Ontario):** Mr. Speaker, 1991 has been an exciting and educational year. For your patience, your guidance, your tolerance, respect for our views, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you. I want to thank all those who assist you, the deputy speakers, the table officers, the *Hansard* reporters, and others who serve this humble place.

May 1992 be a year filled with happiness and prosperity for all Canadians.