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and humbly request advice and guidance before he brings in another federal Budget.

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CANADA DAY

TRIBUTE TO QUÉBEC CHAIRMAN

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the Secretary of State of Canada (Mr. Weiner) has released the name of the provincial chairman of the Canada Day Celebrations in Québec.

I have the pleasure to announce, on behalf of the Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport), Member for the riding of Sherbrooke (Mr. Charest), that Mr. André Viger of Fleurimont, world champion wheelchair athlete, will be our chairman.

For his dedication to community service, Mr. Viger was honoured by the International Association of Junior Chambers of Commerce as one of the seven most remarkable young people in the world.

Mr. Speaker, Canadians are proud of their champion, whose courage and determination are an example to us all. Bravo and congratulations, André Viger!

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MULTICULTURALISM

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RACES URGED

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Liberal Member for York South—Weston (Mr. Nunziata) was quoted as saying that he wants to challenge his party to reconsider its position on multiculturalism. Our current multiculturalism policy actually breeds racism in Canada because we are telling people they are different, he said.

Canada was built on a recognition and appreciation of wide cultural diversity of aboriginal nations, French and English settlers, and the rich influx of immigrants from many ethnic origins. Unfortunately, some Canadians have more opportunities than others. Instead of eliminating multiculturalism, we must strengthen policies to eliminate racism and insure that all Canadians have equal opportunities. Systemic discrimination against

people of colour must cease. We need mandatory employment equity in both public and private jobs. We must oppose racism in all its forms. I urge the Government to establish a separate standing committee on multiculturalism as promised so that parliamentarians may monitor and enforce multicultural policies.

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SPORTS

TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN AMATEUR HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Mr. John E. Cole (York—Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I would like to congratulate the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association on its leadership and efforts at bringing opportunity, challenge and enjoyment to Canadian youth for 75 years. The program developed by the Association, and headed by such people as Murray Costello and Ed O'Doherty, and its branches across Canada have ensured that approximately 550,000 novice to senior players had an opportunity to become involved in the sport of hockey, one of this country's favourite national pastimes. I wish the Association and its hard-working volunteers continued growth and prosperity.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ROMANIA

Mr. Tom Wappel (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, I rise to inform this House and Canadians of the serious human rights violations presently being experienced by the Hungarian national minority in the Transylvanian region of Romania. Recently, the United Nations General Assembly found these infringements of human rights so appalling that it passed a resolution to monitor and address the problem.

Thousands of people have fled Romania into their ancestral homeland of Hungary. However, this small nation simply is not able to handle the large influx of refugees. I call upon this Government to initiate a plan and carry it through in order to help those refugees who wish to settle in Canada to do so. This action will maintain both our international reputation as a home for the oppressed and our well-known historical tradition of