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If Canada wants to remain one of the world leaders in the mining industry, the government will have to realize that the mining industry knows no boundary and that it operates in the countries offering the best conditions for its development. Canada now has an effective and competitive mining industry, which needs further support from the government to keep playing a major role in the global economy.

Mr. Speaker, the federal government keeps the flow-through shares intact and must sign, as soon as possible, a Canada-Quebec subsidiary agreement for the mineral sector of Chapais-Chibougamau, and one for the other mineral sectors in the Abitibi-Témiscamingue area.

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[English]

PORNOGRAPHY

Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax): Mr. Speaker, the judgment this morning by the Supreme Court of Canada on pornography constitutes a victory for Canadian women and children. The highest court has recognized that there is a link between hard core pornography depicting women and children in violent, degrading and dehumanizing acts, and violence against women and children.

It has ruled that the undue exploitation of sex and the degradation of human sexuality is harmful toward those involved in such acts and to society in general. Consequently it violates the principles of equality and dignity.

The court has also acknowledged that the message of obscene materials is analogous to that of hate propaganda. Women can also claim victory because the court has recognized that a solution to the problem needs a multi-pronged approach. In the words of the judges, "education and legislation are not alternatives but complements in addressing such problems".

Today the government cancelled the Court Challenges Program, thereby shutting out many women and many minorities from the judicial process. Today, the news from the court was good, tomorrow the opportunities will be gone.

[Translation]

NATIONAIR

Mr. Gilbert Chartrand (Verdun—Saint-Paul): Mr. Speaker, for several months some people have been desperately trying in bad faith to ruin the reputation of Nationair, a Montreal firm which hires more than 1,800 workers. Lately the daily newspaper *The Gazette* has published an awful article, written by Mr. Mackintosh about the crash of a Nationair aircraft in Saudi Arabia. Everyone in the business and most of all the unions know very well that the company has nothing to be blamed for. Somehow Nationair fights a lonely battle against some vipers whose only goal is to destroy it.

I am wondering if this is not a conspiracy against a Quebec company. More than a thousand jobs are at risk in this whole thing, which is pretty sordid. What are the people concerned waiting for to make a public announcement that Nationair is as safe as any other air carrier in Canada?

As a member of Parliament from the Montreal region, it is my duty to protect those jobs. The Nationair employees need support. As far as I am concerned, I trust them and I travel with Nationair.

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[English]

MACEDONIA

Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt): Mr. Speaker, I am rising to bring forward concerns that have been raised across this country in light of the Prime Minister's meeting of January 27 with Mr. Gligorov who is representing one of the newly independent states created out of the remains of Yugoslavia.

This coming Saturday thousands of Canadians will be rallying on Parliament Hill to express their concerns over the situation in what is being called Macedonia.

I and many other Canadians have a problem with this new state, which is provoking unrest with its claims of Greek territory and giving aid to groups which advocate civil unrest.