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equitable Senate. The constituents of Beaver River have waited a very long time, in fact decades, to have this basic democratic principle enshrined in the Constitution. They have watched as senates the world over have balanced representation of the majority with representation by region. This basic democratic right can no longer be denied. The citizens of Beaver River ask for a Triple-E Senate and nothing less.

Finally, part III of the government's document: "Preparing for a more prosperous future" received a generally warm reception in my riding. Constituents are, for example, overwhelmingly in favour of broadening section 121, the Common Market clause. Most believe that the provincial and federal governments should work more closely to create an economic union which would facilitate the elimination of trade barriers between the provinces. Still, some questioned the efficacy of such an amendment, in that it seems to clarify an existing power and then proceeds to add restrictions to that exercise. Nevertheless the principle of free trade between the provinces is in accord with the attitude of Beaver River.

Other proposals in this section, however, are not acceptable. A good number of constituents tend to disagree that the mandate of the Bank of Canada should be to achieve and preserve price stability only. The concern is that the proposal here is too narrowly defined. Future monetary authorities may wish to address themselves to interest rates, exchange rates or growth rates, not simply the rate of inflation. Writing this proposal into the Constitution would effectively handcuff policymak-

ers in dealing with unforeseen events to come. This is the feeling of the constituents of Beaver River.

These then are some of the fundamental concerns and ideas voiced in my constituency which I heard time and time again over our five or six week recess. These are not the concerns of constitutional experts, lawyers or professional politicians. These are the concerns and ideas of ordinary Canadians, people who care about this country from sea to sea. These are the concerns and ideas that we, as members of Parliament, must listen to and act upon if Canada is to remain truly strong and free.

I would like to finish by saying that I am conducting a contest in my constituency right now for all high school students called the New Canada contest. It gives young people an opportunity to respond to what kind of new Canada they want to be part of in the 21st century. The contest closes in March. We are going to celebrate with a couple of winners of that contest having a chance to come to Ottawa and spend a couple of days here to see the hub of Canada working. I am excited and want to continue to promote the fact that young people really do care about this country.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** It being ten o'clock, pursuant to the order made on Wednesday, February 5, 1992, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. tomorrow, pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 9.58 p.m.