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The City of Verdun has agreed to build a segment connecting these paths to those along the Lachine Canal. Therefore, all of the major bikeways on Montreal Island will be linked.

Over 20,000 cyclists will thus be able to enjoy some wonderful outings thanks to this initiative on the part of the Government of Canada and the municipality of Verdun.

[English]

Co-operation always accomplishes more than confrontation.

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[Translation]

## HUMAN RIGHTS

**Mr. Gilles Duceppe (Laurier—Sainte-Marie):** Since the Tiananmen Square massacre, human rights in China have been repeatedly violated.

Yesterday, representatives of agencies defending Chinese refugees in Montreal expressed their outrage at the government's decision to review the status of 4,500 Chinese nationals living in Canada under the threat of deportation to their native country.

It has been announced that the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration will make a final resolution on these cases this summer.

According to information gathered by the newspaper *Voir*, of the 827 cases reviewed by the Immigration and Refugee Board since the Tiananmen Square massacre, 663 applications, or a full 80 per cent, have been rejected.

Under the circumstances, the minister's stalling tactics are unacceptable.

Once again, the government is making a mockery of human rights and giving in to this simplistic approach whereby if one wants to do business, one turns a blind eye to fundamental rights.

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[English]

## ONTARIO

**Mr. Ed Harper (Simcoe Centre):** Mr. Speaker, who is speaking for Ontario? This new Parliament is six months old and no one is showing concern for the biggest engine that drives Canada's economy.

While we are all interested in what is good for Canada, the role of Ontario is being overlooked. What is good for Canada is a healthy and growing Ontario economy.

The red ink book made a major issue of infrastructure and jobs, yet Ontario's largest and most important piece of infra-

structure is being allowed to deteriorate. No much needed jobs and the delay are jeopardizing a number of job creating projects.

Ontario was forced to reduce tobacco taxes due to pressure from one province. Because of this Ontario taxpayers face an additional tax loss of \$500 million.

Toronto loses out as the obvious choice for the NAFTA environmental office for purely political considerations.

The silence is deafening. What did Ontario do to deserve such rejection?

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## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

**Mrs. Karen Kraft Sloan (York—Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, I stand in the House today to say that the Ontario members of the Liberal caucus are working very hard on behalf of Ontario.

Globally and nationally there is much talk about sustainable development, but a shared understanding of what it means does not exist. To some it is a phrase that suggests development can be sustained at any cost.

In my opinion sustainable development will not work as a vision goal or a process unless it includes equity. Equity is served when people from different lands, the north, the south, and people from different classes in the same land are treated with respect.

Equity is served when the natural environment is respected. Equity is served when our intergenerational responsibilities are acknowledged and when our global roles and commitments are honoured.

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## KILLER CARDS

**Mr. Pat O'Brien (London—Middlesex):** Mr. Speaker, the recent increase in violent crimes has raised the concerns of people all across Ontario and all of Canada.

As part of its efforts to reduce violence in Canadian communities, the government should without a doubt ban the importation of serial killer cards. These cards are a perverted twist on children's hockey cards. They feature psychopathic killers with a detailed description of the crimes they committed.

The lives of the victims of violent crimes should be remembered, not the killers and their actions.

This government is committed to measures to get at the root causes of violence and this should include the banning of these offensive cards that glorify murder and reduce victims to anonymous statistics.

On behalf of the constituents of London—Middlesex in Ontario, I call on Parliament to amend the customs and tariffs legislation to ban the importation of serial killer cards, ensuring that they will not continue to be sold in Canada.