

that money should go to provincial Governments and municipalities to rehabilitate and protect our waters. The Liberal Party is already committed to pay the federal share of such costs.

Those who want action to protect the St. Lawrence and the belugas must attack the Government and its misplaced priorities.

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[Translation]

### THE ENVIRONMENT

#### REDUCTION OF SULPHUR DIOXIDE EMISSIONS

**Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue):** Mr. Speaker, on June 9, Noranda Minerals announced at a press conference that it was committed to reducing sulphur dioxide emissions from its Rouyn-Noranda Plant by 70 per cent, by 1995.

This is now feasible thanks to a new sulphuric acid plant that will use some of the most innovative and sophisticated technology known today. This is very good news, not only for the people of Rouyn—Noranda and Abitibi—Témiscamingue, who will be getting cleaner air, but for the entire country.

Noranda will thus be ahead of the deadline set by the federal Government, which provided for a reduction of 50 per cent by 1994. This commitment by industry reflects a new attitude and is entirely in line with the federal Government's decisions and policies on environmental concerns since 1984.

Mr. Speaker, when industry causes pollution, it must be condemned. When industry takes steps to fight pollution to improve our quality of life, it deserves to be commended.

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### THE LATE FRANCINE MCKENZIE

**Ms. Marion Dewar (Hamilton Mountain):** Mr. Speaker, the country has just lost a great Quebecer and a great Canadian, Francine McKenzie, who died last Friday. Ms. McKenzie was president of the Quebec Council on the Status of Women since 1984. She was a deeply committed feminist and showed great leadership on several issues affecting women.

In recent years, she did important consciousness-raising work and research on new reproductive technologies, which made it possible to take these issues out of the laboratories and into a public forum where women could speak.

There is no doubt that the work begun by Ms. McKenzie will continue in the Status of Women Council and women's groups. But her absence will be felt; she will be missed. I join

my colleagues in the House of Commons in expressing my most sincere condolences to Ms. McKenzie's family.

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[English]

### ABORTION

#### CALL FOR LAW TO PROTECT UNBORN CHILDREN

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, the abortion section of the Criminal Code that was struck down by the Supreme Court dealt with medical, psychological and health aspects to make it look respectable. The law ignored the fact that when a woman exercised the right to have an abortion, the rights of the unborn child were devalued.

With every right, there must be a responsibility. By opening the gates for unwanted pregnancies, the Parliament of Canada promoted the devaluation of all human life, and so no wonder more than 50,000 abortions occurred every year since.

Water will not cleanse our hands, we parliamentarians, if we permit these abortions legally to take place. A new law must protect every fetal stage of unborn children. Let us make sure as we approach the critical hour that one of the last vestiges of human respect, responsibility and freedom, are not lost.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### ACID RAIN—BRIEF PRESENTED BY RENFREW STUDENTS

**Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke):** Mr. Speaker, the students of Our Lady of Fatima School in Renfrew, Ontario, have been studying environmental issues and have presented a brief to me and to the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps). They have asked us to present their petition to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), and this is being done.

In their brief, the students state:

Through our studies we have become aware of the main causes of acid rain. Acid rain is promoted by an unnecessary use of electricity and fossil fuels. Both coal and oil are used in each of these cases. Coal and oil both contain sulfur and nitrogen which when released into the air, combine with oxygen. In the clouds these pollutants undergo further changes forming acid rain.

The students continue:

People might say we are just kids but we are not JUST kids, we are the adults of the future, we have rights TOO! We have the right to crystal clear water to drink and to swim in. We have the right to pure rain, and an acid rain free future. We also have the right to catch fish that are not deformed. We have the right to have a clean world as God meant it to be.

The students of Our Lady of Fatima School in Renfrew, Ontario, have asked me to impress upon the Prime Minister that he take their message seriously. May I respectfully request that he do so.