

*S. O. 31***FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**Mr. Al Johnson (Calgary North):** Mr. Speaker, Calgary is privileged to have an extraordinary organization working to support families. FLEC, the Family Life Education Council of Calgary, can be proud of the role it has played in bringing hundreds of family support organizations together. It co-ordinates information exchange and referrals among Calgary's family support services.

This being National Family Week, I am particularly pleased to honour FLEC today, since it was FLEC that initiated family week in Calgary in 1971. In 1985 it became a national event sponsored by Family Services Canada.

On Monday I attended the National Family Week kick-off breakfast in Calgary. Some 190 people were present, representing 85 of Calgary's family support organizations. I applaud all these organizations for their role in preserving our traditional values. Their efforts clearly capture the spirit of National Family Week, strengthening families, a plus for all of us.

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**EDUCATION**

**Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, today the Commission of Inquiry on Canadian University Education released its report summarizing more than a year's research.

The commission strongly recommends that the government make a student loan program widely available, with loan payments automatically deducted from income once the graduate's income rises above a certain level.

Such a program would give low-income students better access to education. This measure could also reduce the pressure on full-time university students. They would no longer have to work extra time to pay for their education, and they would no longer face the threat of a huge, unpayable loan as a graduation gift.

As a result, students would find it easier to graduate. Currently about 50 per cent do not complete their programs. This government keeps cutting back funding for education, Mr. Speaker. This year alone the government has cut \$1.3 billion from college and university funding, while tuition fees have increased between 6 per cent and 25 per cent.

I strongly urge the government to endorse the commission's recommendation and take action to make education accessible to all Canadians.

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[*Translation*]**GUN CONTROL**

**Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne):** Mr. Speaker, a few months ago, my government tabled a bill to reinforce gun control. Canadians have spoken out in favour of tighter gun controls. This clearly shows the kind of society Canadians want today, and we in this House must ensure that our legislation reflects the choice of the people.

Bill C-17, although not perfect, is a satisfactory response to the concerns of Canadians that also respects the rights of firearms users. Any amendment tabled in this House must support the principle of establishing stricter and more effective gun controls in this country. Any amendment that does not should be rejected outright by members of this House.

Mr. Speaker, Bill C-17 is a good bill that provides Canadians with the kind of protection they expect in our society. We are choosing the kind of society we want, and we must do so without hesitation.

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[*English*]**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

**Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova):** Mr. Speaker, last week the Official Opposition in this House held an opposition day on Canada and its position on GATT. Prior to that, my colleagues and I and my party met with supply management groups from across Canada representing farmers on the disastrous effects of a GATT without Article XI. I want to add my support to those 500 Nova Scotia farmers who passed a resolution in Canning, Nova Scotia last Friday, a resolution that both my colleagues from Annapolis Valley and South Shore have endorsed in this House.

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I want to read that resolution into the record: