

## S. O. 31

Before I finish, I have a brief submitted by the *Fédération de l'âge d'or du Québec* which I would like to table.

**Mr. Speaker:** I am sorry, but the hon. member's time has expired.

[English]

It being two o'clock p.m., the House will now proceed to Statements by Members, pursuant to Standing Order 31.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[Translation]

## CANADA POST CORPORATION

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, the residents of Saint-Clément, Rivière-du-Loup, have taken over their post office, due to be closed on December 14. Why did the government let Canada Post get away with the kind of actions that have soured relations with the people it serves?

The residents of Saint-Clément, Rivière-du-Loup, and of Martintown—which happens to be in my riding—and residents of hundreds of other communities in Canada which have been affected by similar cutbacks, want the government to put an end to Canada Post's policy of closing down post offices.

Speaking on behalf of the residents of Saint-Clément, Glengarry—Prescott—Russell and other rural communities in this country, I demand that the government take steps to deal with this issue.

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## THE SENATE

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, today, the *Journal de Montréal* printed an article under the heading: "Clark believes abolition of the Senate possible". The article goes on to say: "Outright abolition of the Senate may be the next step in institutional reform, according to Joe Clark, Minister of Constitutional Affairs. For months before the Charlottetown Accord was concluded last August, there were frequent references to the possibility of abolishing the Senate. On some occasions, most people around the table preferred abolition but did not insist on it, realizing a compromise

would have to be struck with those who were in favour of a Triple-E Senate".

As I said in the House on June 3, 1992: The Senate must be abolished.

[English]

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## PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, the decision by the federal government to go ahead with the redevelopment of Pearson airport terminals 1 and 2 is a case of terminal madness.

Rather than make a meaningful investment in Canada's transportation infrastructure, the Minister of Transport is pushing a costly scheme that the airline industry neither wants nor can afford.

The Tories are pretending to create jobs with the Pearson project after they clearly failed to do so in the finance minister's economic statement last week. Any job creation resulting from this project is years away.

The Pearson terminal project is opposed by Canadian Airlines, Air Canada, by the government of Ontario and reportedly even by senior staff at Transport Canada.

The airline industry is in a critical condition right now. The last thing it needs is a project that will raise costs to the airlines and fares to the travelling public.

It is truly ironic that this government which claims to be the party of business is taking this position in the face of opposition from the marketplace itself.

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[Translation]

## THE ENVIRONMENT

**Mr. Fernand Jourdenais (La Prairie):** Mr. Speaker, a few weeks ago, sixth grade students from Jean-Leman School in Candiac, in my riding, came to visit Parliament and told me about their serious concerns about air pollution and the depletion of the ozone layer which protects our planet.

These young people begged me to ask Canadians and those responsible for protecting the quality of life on this earth to be more aware and more concerned about the serious consequences of what we may do unthinkingly, because if we are not careful, we will destroy our own future and that of subsequent generations.