

As the Toronto Raptors and the Vancouver Grizzlies become household names to Canadians, they will become synonymous with championing this important issue.

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SERVICE CANADA

Mr. John Maloney (Erie, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to acknowledge a pilot project for young adults that has commenced for the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority in my riding of Erie.

Service Canada, an initiative of the Secretary of State for Training and Youth, brings 19 to 24 year olds and non-profit organizations together to provide labour for needed projects while offering the participants training and the opportunity to live in another community while learning another language.

Participants are paid \$2 daily and will receive a \$1,000 grant at the end of their six-month stint. Food and lodging are provided by Service Canada.

There are four objectives for the participants: performance of valued work for the community, acquiring personal work skills, achieving an awareness of our environment, and learning a second language.

These energetic volunteers, these young adults of today from Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick will be the leaders of a strong and united Canada in the not too distant future. We all benefit from projects such as Service Canada.

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ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Mrs. Dianne Brushett (Cumberland—Colchester, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I had the great honour of visiting Rideau Hall for the presentation of the first ever National Entrepreneur of the Year Award by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada.

In particular I wish to single out one of the nine recipients, Mr. John Bragg, president of Oxford Frozen Foods Ltd., Oxford, Nova Scotia. John Bragg founded his company in rural Nova Scotia processing wild blueberries in a single plant. Today he has four processing plants and has capacity to process 1.9 million pounds of blueberries per day as well as other frozen foods. In peak season John Bragg employs 3,000 people throughout his diversified companies.

I salute John Bragg and the other eight national award recipients whose gross sales total more than \$2 billion annually. The government is very proud of our entrepreneurs, the role models for all Canadians.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL DEFENCE

Mr. Jean-Marc Jacob (Charlesbourg, BQ): Mr. Speaker, the co-chairman of the Special Joint Committee on Canada's Defence Policy is quoted today in *La Presse* as saying that this department exists solely to show our solidarity with the rest of the planet.

In the report that came out Monday, he defended the idea of acquiring new equipment, the purpose of which would be to enable Canada to defend, at great expense, its territorial sovereignty.

It would certainly take mental gymnastics to be able to see how buying tanks, not to mention submarines, is a way of expressing solidarity with the planet. On the contrary, it merely confirms the militaristic doctrine that pervades the report.

My advice to the co-chairman is that he would do better to strengthen his solidarity with Quebec, which is in great need of support, particularly his, if it is to hang on to what little it receives from the Department of National Defence, the Liberal Party notwithstanding.

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NATIONAL FILM BOARD

Mr. Myron Thompson (Wild Rose, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the National Film Board of Canada's mandate is to produce and distribute films for Canadian audiences and foreign markets, to enhance knowledge of Canadian social and cultural realities and in so doing contribute to the development of a flourishing film industry.

The National Film Board receives over \$80 million from taxpayers. I would like to outline for the House where some of those dollars are going. A film board promotion for a video says: "Compelling, often hilarious and always rebellious, the 10 women discuss lesbian sexuality and survival in Canada during the fifties and the sixties. This video brings lesbian history out of the closet and contributes to the viable history of sexuality in Canada". It also states: "Due to the explicit nature of certain scenes, viewer discretion is advised".

This is another example of hard earned tax dollars at work enhancing Canadian social and cultural realities.

By the way the current debt is \$536,656,634,487.41.

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PHARMACY AWARENESS WEEK

Mr. Gurbax Singh Malhi (Bramalea—Gore—Malton, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, Pharmacy Awareness Week serves to draw attention to the very serious problem of over medication and cross-medication. Our senior citizens are at greatest risk.