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be too embarrassed to. The facts are overwhelming. They left a mess and they are trying to play politics here with the mess they left. I say, with all respect, shame on them. They should not try to rewrite history in this place. It is bad enough what they did down there.

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** The period for questions and comments has now expired.

It being eleven o'clock a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 30(5), the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 31.

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## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

### DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

**Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre):** Madam Speaker, November has been proclaimed as Diabetes Awareness Month by the Canadian Diabetic Association.

Over one million Canadians have diabetes which is a major cause of significant health problems and can lead to premature death. Diabetes treatment cost Canada's health care system \$2.5 billion annually. While the onset of diabetes can at times be dramatic very frequently its presence is subtle.

The federal government plays an important role through the Department of National Health and Welfare which provides a sustaining grant to the Canadian Diabetes Association, supports the operation of the Canadian Diabetes Advisory Board, funds special initiatives in regard to diabetes among Canada's indigenous people and supports other diabetes research.

It is my pleasure to salute the efforts of the volunteers and the staff of the Canadian Diabetes Association during Diabetes Awareness Month.

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### STANDING ORDERS

**Mr. Derek Lee (Scarborough—Rouge River):** Madam Speaker, on Monday an important precedent was set in

this House which reflected the continued improvement of parliamentary control over government regulations.

In early 1986, following the recommendations of the Standing Joint Committee on the Scrutiny of Regulations and the McGrath committee, Parliament introduced a disallowance procedure to our Standing Orders.

This procedure enabled the joint committee and the House of Commons to order the revocation of any offending regulation enacted by the executive branch of government.

On October 10 we tabled the unanimously adopted second report of the Standing Joint Committee on the Scrutiny of Regulations which contained a resolution calling for the revocation of the agricultural exhibition loans order regulations.

On Monday this resolution became the first order ever of its kind in the House of Commons. All of those concerned with the effectiveness of Parliament will be grateful for this and continued appropriate applications of this procedure, and we now await compliance by the Governor in Council.

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### VICTORIA CROSS

**Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris):** Madam Speaker, as you know the Victoria Cross is the highest honour which can be awarded to Canadians and to others within the Commonwealth for heroism during wartime. Of the 93 Canadians who have been honoured with this distinction, 13 have been received by Manitobans.

In fact the name of a street in Winnipeg was changed to that of Valour Road after three of its residents were so honoured during World War I.

On behalf of the many residents of Brandon—Souris with whom I have spoken on this issue, I would ask the responsible officials not to alter in any way the significance of this award.

Although the Victoria Cross is not a Canadian award as such, members past and present of the Canadian Armed Forces strongly favour its retention as the highest honour for which a Canadian in wartime could be eligible.

I am pleased to be able to add my own voice to that of these constituents on this most significant issue.