

S. O. 31

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[Translation]

### TRIBUTE TO PASCALE LEFRANÇOIS

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to pay tribute to Quebec's new junior spelling champion Pascale Lefrançois. At age 16, her message to other youths her age was simple: «Love your language, learn to speak and write it well, for it is a beautiful language. The more you get to know it, the more you will like it. To me French has always been very important. I talk a lot but I like to use the right words to express all my feelings.»

Mr. Speaker, Pascale modestly says that part of the credit for her victory goes to her family. I for one want to assure her that we are very proud of her accomplishment. Thanks to her all Quebec youths have made a name for themselves on the international francophone scene.

\* \* \*

[English]

### SPORTS

**Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas):** Mr. Speaker, the efforts being made to obtain National Hockey League franchises for the cities of Ottawa and Hamilton deserve the support of all members of this House.

I would like to commend my colleague from London—Middlesex for forming the national hockey caucus of parliamentarians who support the application for NHL franchises in these two cities.

Hockey is an integral part of Canada's cultural and sport heritage and is a unifying factor in our country.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, I have close contacts with the world of hockey. Throughout my ten years as a National Hockey League official, a time during which Quebec city, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver joined the NHL, I was able to see personally to what extent a new franchise contributes to a municipality, its residents and their economy.

[English]

Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer my wholehearted support to those involved in bringing the National Hockey League to both Hamilton and Ottawa.

\* \* \*

### GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, at a time when Canadians want peace rather than war, want social and environmental security, not arms, this government instead, with the excuse of the gulf crisis, cuts spending allegedly to finance a war effort, but in reality to finance the implementation of the general sales tax. As a result, the government cut \$14 million from the budget of Environment Canada and \$24 million in environmental grants and contributions.

Canadians, who are on the side of peace, are asking why the environment and other important measures are being sacrificed to protect American dependency on foreign oil and implement the hated general sales tax. What a disgrace, Mr. Speaker.

\* \* \*

### CONFLICT OF INTEREST

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, recent events in Alberta, where the premier was caught in a clear conflict of interest, shows the need for effective conflict of interest rules for members of Parliament and senators.

At this point in time, we have senators who are tied very closely to the financial institutions of the country. It seems to me these same senators are participating in passing legislation such as the deregulation of financial institutions, selling shares in Petro-Canada, Hibernia handouts, not to mention the hundreds of private contracts that go out in the name of government every day.

The temptation is there for these foxes to get in because there is no fence around the chicken pen. The Prime Minister still has not learned his lesson. When it comes to guarding the chicken coop this government has once again left it in the hands of the foxes.

This government made a commitment not once, but twice, to bring in new legislation to keep conflict of interest out of government. We still do not have any effective rules safeguarding against conflict of interest by