

*Routine Proceedings*

That this House take note that a majority of Members have publicly stated their support for the full implementation of the Summit promises.

That this House take note that on the anniversary of the Summit, in over one hundred cities in Canada, Canadians have urged their leaders to take the necessary action to see to it that the promises of the Summit are kept.

That this House support the Declaration and Plan of Action of the Summit and that both be declared an integral part of Canadian international co-operation policy; and

That this House support the full and speedy implementation of the major global commitments agreed to in the Declaration and Plan of Action issued by the world leaders, including domestic international co-operation strategies for child survival and development; and

That this House support adequate financial resources being made available for these purposes, including a contribution to the additional resources required from donor countries based on Canada's historical 5 per cent share of global foreign aid; and

That this House request that the government encourage multilateral institutions to focus their efforts on the implementation of the Summit promises; and

That this House request that the Minister responsible for the Summit follow up be invited to report to Parliament once a year on the implementation of the World Summit Plan of Action and the Convention on the Rights of the Child to the extent that the application of the Plan and the Convention, at the national, regional and international levels, requires action or a contribution on the part of Canada; and

As we know this was ratified just a few minutes ago here in the rotunda of the Parliament Buildings by the Prime Minister. It continues:

That this House encourage Parliamentarians around the world to ensure that each country provides its fair share of the additional resources required to see that the promises of the World Summit for Children become reality.

I apologize for the length of the motion. I would also like to say that the member for Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing who assisted the member for Winnipeg South Centre and myself in getting wide-scale support for this is not available today. I do know that the other two members would like to speak very briefly in support and in seconding this motion.

**Mr. Speaker:** We have a prior situation here.

[*Translation*]

The hon. member for Rosedale asks the House for leave to move a motion. Under the circumstances, unanimous consent is required. Do we have the agreement of the House?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

[*English*]

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, I rise on behalf of members of my own caucus who participated in endorsing this resolution to join with the hon. member for Rosedale and the member for Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing. We speak for all members of Parliament and we hope through all members we speak for all Canadians who dearly hope that the resolution we are putting forward today represents a major step forward in dealing with the problem of children.

When I was walking to the Hill this morning I saw a sign in a store window which said: "We did not inherit the earth from our ancestors; we are borrowing it from our children". I thought that was an appropriate way to put the meaning and spirit of this resolution. I must say with some regret that while we may be borrowing from our children we have not been very good in repaying our debts. We have not been particularly good stewards of that very important trust we have held.

I would like to say that there was a certain amount of tragic coincidence that at the same time the summit for children was being debated at the United Nations, the whole decision to go into the war in the gulf was also being debated just down the hall. Those were two parallel statements.

• (1540)

I only want to draw the attention of the House to the figures that were released today that the war itself cost something over \$80 billion. Canada contributed \$690 million of that. Yet at the same time when it comes to finding additional money to deal with the problem of glue sniffing on Indian reserves, to deal with the problem of inoculations for diphtheria around the world, we are not able to find those extra funds.