

We cannot stand in silence while we watch the massacre of innocent people in their quest for freedom. To say nothing is to allow the continuance of oppressive acts of violence. This is not acceptable. We must show that we care.

Canadians do care, Mr. Speaker, and this message must be communicated by this Parliament.

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LINGUISTIC MINORITIES

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES ACT AND THE 26TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMISSION ON BILINGUALISM AND BICULTURALISM

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, this week we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Official Languages Act. It is also the 26th anniversary of the B&B Commission.

Let us take this opportunity to restate our commitment, that of all political parties in this House, to the fundamental principles of justice and equality for linguistic minorities throughout Canada.

The quality of services to these minorities should be maintained and improved. Even today, for example, Franco-Albertans have to fight in the Supreme Court for their basic right to manage their school boards.

The specific characteristics of Québec, a distinct society, must also be recognized and the collective rights of Francophones in Québec must be respected.

Mr. Speaker, this is a week of celebration, but also a week to restate our commitment to justice and equality for linguistic minorities throughout Canada.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

ALLEGED POLITICAL INTERFERENCE

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Mr. Speaker, I accuse the NDP Member from Victoria with attempted political interference with the RCMP because of his—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry, but there is a clear rule that statements cannot be used to make a charge against a Member.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

WASTE ANALYSIS STUDY AT DELTA SCHOOL

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, recently the Delta Senior Secondary School and the Recycling Council of B.C. conducted a waste analysis study attempting to determine what materials make up the school's waste system in a typical day, and how best to structure a school recycling program.

Garbage was divided in 14 recyclable materials by student garbologists, leaving only what could not fit into these categories as true garbage. The waste analysis showed that the recovery of recyclable materials can substantially reduce the amount of waste generated at the school. The Recycling Council of B.C. will be able to take the data gathered in this study to educate other schools on the benefits of school recycling.

The quest for a cleaner environment is one that must be conducted at all levels, and nowhere will these efforts have more impact than at the local level. Like residential curbside collection programs, institutional recycling programs will play a major role in reducing our waste stream and recovering valuable materials.

I commend the students, staff and faculty of Delta Secondary School for their initiative and the example they have set for others.

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AGRICULTURE

P.E.I. POTATO INDUSTRY

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, the potato industry represents a major economic sector of Prince Edward Island, with 80 per cent of production in the seed potato industry.

Producers are burdened by increased costs of production placing them at a definite disadvantage in the Canadian market-place.

Inspection fees, Mr. Speaker, are a burden to Island potato producers. These inspection fees, as regulated by the Government, are another financial assault against the agricultural industry of my province. The primary producers of Prince Edward Island addressed this Government on May 29 with a strong voice. The Government must stop this unfair, unreasonable and discriminatory tax against Island potato producers.