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time and reconciliation will result. Give us some time and tolerance and understanding will prevail. This tolerance will come from dialogue among all parties. I ask you not to judge.

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EGYPT

Mr. David Berger (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Mr. Speaker, the murder of at least eight Israeli tourists in Egypt is a reminder of the difficulties of moving beyond hatred and violence toward peace and negotiations.

It is profoundly distressing that terrorists persist in taking innocent lives in the pursuit of destructive political goals. At a time when negotiations between Israel, Egypt and the United States are gathering momentum in the search for a peaceful resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, this attack reminds us that there are forces in the region who view peace and negotiations as an obstacle to their goals.

There can be but one response to such an act, that is to intensify and strengthen our support for the peace process. I am sure that all members of this House join me in expressing our condolences to the families of the victims of this senseless attack.

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THE LATE WHIPPER BILLY WATSON

Mr. John E. Cole (York—Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Whipper Billy Watson, a constituent and a friend who died this past Sunday at the age of 74.

Whipper was a professional wrestler who was a good guy, a five-time world champion, a man who took part in 7,000 bouts over 35 years, whose career ended in 1971 after a tragic car accident.

It is outside the ring where his efforts really took effect. For over 30 years he was associated with the Easter Seal society. I think most of us can picture Whipper hoisting Timmy and Tammy, and often both of them, on his broad shoulders every year.

He was also involved with the Canadian Rehabilitation Council, the Ontario Council for the Disabled, the Canadian Paraplegic Association, the Multiple Sclerosis

Society and particularly with the York County Hospital where he was the prime mover in raising funds for the therapeutic pool that has been named after him.

Our thoughts are with his wife, his children, and his many friends. Whipper Billy Watson, a great Canadian, will be truly missed.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Larry Schneider (Regina—Wascana): Mr. Speaker, Regina is the Saskatchewan-Manitoba regional production facility for *Switchback*. The CBC has recently announced that the children's show, *Switchback*, has been eliminated as a cost-cutting measure. While I recognize and appreciate the CBC's significant effort in trimming its fat, I do not understand this decision.

We are a country that is as strong as its regions. While regional CBC people were asked for their proposals, I am afraid that the question begged the response given. It seems to me that we have cut the limbs off the tree to nurture the trunk. *Switchback* represents new limbs. It is inappropriate pruning.

Switchback was quality children's programming that was watched by a third of the viewing audience in Regina and more than half in Saskatoon. Has this year-round program been sacrificed so that CBC can continue to focus coverage on one-time spectaculars?

What other CBC programming is available to this new generation of TV viewers? I hope that this decision is not irreversible and that reconsideration can be given.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, this government has been trying to convince everyone that the Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance have found the solution to their own sad record of mismanaging this country's finances.

The goods and services tax is a complex system that is going to confuse Canadians and cause horrendous difficulties for small business people. It is without a doubt a plan to perform the biggest tax grab in Canadian history. All the rhetoric in the world conjured up by this