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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, in light of the deal by Liberal senators to get the GST passed, let us look at the facts.

Do the Liberals really oppose the GST?

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Rodriguez: Did the "hypogrit" senators defeat the GST bill at first reading when they had the majority?

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Rodriguez: Did the "hypogrit" senators defeat the GST bill at second reading when they had the majority?

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Rodriguez: Did the "hypogrit" senators use their majority to defeat the GST in April?

Some hon. members: No.

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Mr. Rodriguez: Did the "hypogrit" senators use their majority to defeat the bill in May?

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Rodriguez: Did they use their majority in the Senate to defeat it in June?

Some hon. members: No.

Mr. Rodriguez: The facts are clear: The Liberals have lost it for the GST since Allan MacEachen and Jean Chrétien first devised it in the early eighties.

Some hon. members: Shame.

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SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, in a more serious vein, at the launching of Small Business Week, 12 young business people from across Canada received the FBDB award for young entrepreneurs. Small Business Week is an annual occurrence that emphasizes the contribution of small businesses to our economy.

This year's theme is: Quality and Productivity: The Competitive Edge. This week, hundreds of activities are being organized across the country to give entrepreneurs

a chance to exchange information. The award winners are from each province and are all 29 years old or younger. They were selected for their success in business and their innovative approach. The winner in Quebec was David Lauzon, 26 years old. David owns and operates a wood parquet factory in Papineauville, which employs 30 people.

In Beauce, in my own riding, our young people have a very developed sense of entrepreneurship. The federal government is proud of this record and wishes to congratulate all young entrepreneurs in this country.

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LEBANON

Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester): Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was witness to a very troubling event.

Members of the Lebanese community held a demonstration in front of the Lebanese Embassy here in Ottawa. What started as a peaceful march turned into a very violent rally. Fortunately, I was able to diffuse the situation through concerned dialogue.

I do not wish to put the blame on anyone, however, I would like to stress that violence either here in Canada or elsewhere in the world cannot and will never be a solution. Human rights must be respected and can only be achieved through peaceful negotiations and mutual respect.

It is only in this spirit of non–violence that we can hope that Lebanon will recover its sovereignty, independence and peace.

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ED SHURTLEFF

Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute an inventor, Ed Shurtleff of St. George, New Brunswick.

Ten years ago, Ed realized that money and resources were being wasted every time he threw away dirty oil, so he set out to invent a refiner, convinced that ecological concerns would make such a machine viable.