

## S.O. 22

As a representative of the Windsor area, I must tell the Minister that his words are not enough to restore the confidence of the people. What we need is an urgent program of controls on industry and the necessary funds to ensure access to pure water for the municipalities downstream. The Government has an obligation to the United States and to its own people regarding the dioxins in the St. Clair River and the Government must act now. Words are not enough.

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## MEDICAL CARE

GREEN PAPER ISSUED BY NEWFOUNDLAND GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador issued a Green Paper on our health care system expenditures and funding. In the Green Paper the Conservative provincial Government indicated that it was looking at privatizing the medicare system, making dramatic cuts to health services, increasing the provincial deficit, and raising the already high taxes of the residents of that province.

In this document produced by a Conservative provincial Government, the blame for this is laid strictly on the federal Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) and the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp). The cut-backs that have now been announced a number of times by the Minister of Finance, supported, we presume, by the Cabinet, are going to have the result of destroying another sacred trust.

In the words of the Conservative Government of Nova Scotia, the Conservative Government of Newfoundland and of the New Democratic Party of Manitoba, the Government is out to destroy medicare and post-secondary education through the back door by taking away the funding that is necessary. The Government will ensure that the universal program we have at the present time for health services is destroyed because of lack of funding. The Government should be ashamed of itself. Now that Conservative Premiers are attacking it, perhaps the federal Government will wake up and indicate in the Budget we expect next month that it will finally reverse the decision it announced on May 23.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

CALL FOR REPRESENTATIONS TO SOVIET UNION ON BEHALF OF  
RAOUL WALLENBERG

**Mr. Gerry Weiner (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the 41st anniversary of Raoul Wallenberg's arrest by Soviet authorities and the adoption last December 10 by the Canadian Parliament of an all-Party resolution naming Wallenberg as Canada's first ever honorary citizen are being marked by a nation-wide tour by Mr. Per Anger, former Ambassador of Sweden to Canada

and Wallenberg's close friend and colleague in Hungary during World War II.

The Raoul Wallenberg story is a chronicle of courage, dedication, and resourcefulness in the face of incredible odds and great personal danger. During World War II, Raoul Wallenberg, together with Per Anger, an attaché of the Swedish Legation in Budapest, worked tirelessly to save the Jewish community of Hungary. They issued provisional Swedish passports placing thousands under the protection of the Swedish Government. It is estimated that Wallenberg and Anger, through their heroic actions, saved 100,000 Hungarians destined for Nazi death camps.

Despite their heroism and humanitarianism, both Raoul Wallenberg and Per Anger were arrested by Soviet authorities as they entered Budapest. Per Anger, head of the Stockholm-based Raoul Wallenberg Committee, firmly believes that the Soviets can be pressed into releasing Wallenberg, or at least be called to account for his treatment to date. As a nation renowned for its solid and noble record as a relentless advocate of human rights and human dignity, Canada is now well poised to make legitimate government-to-government representations to the Soviet Union on Wallenberg's behalf.

Through his brief visit with us, Per Anger has helped raise our sensitivity and awareness of a truly heroic chapter in an otherwise tragic story. The Wallenberg story is one of hope—hope for a man and hope for mankind. Per Anger's past and present actions fill us with hope. In this respect—

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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## SPORTS

SENIOR CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT  
ALMA, P.Q.—CONTRIBUTION OF VOLUNTEERS

**Mr. Clément M. Côté (Lac-Saint-Jean):** Mr. Speaker, although remote regions such as the one I represent rarely benefit from major investments, sometimes they do have the opportunity to hold major events.

In my riding yesterday, Mr. Speaker, the Canadian senior cross-country skiing championship ended in Alma. This event, which was widely reported in the media over the past seven days, was an unqualified success. This unqualified success was made possible thanks to the hard work and incredible dedication of the athletes, coaches, organizers and volunteers who have demonstrated that volunteering is still alive and well in our modern society.

The marvelous display which was offered to us is most encouraging. Our youth's performance was most promising for the 1988 Olympic Games.