

In fact, if the government proceeds with this cut, it will threaten services now provided by the museum to schools and rural communities in Manitoba. It might also mean job losses.

The museum already has a deficit and will have serious difficulty in coping with this latest blow. The Winnipeg Art Gallery also faces a similar cut.

I urge the Minister of Communications to reverse these decisions. These institutions are major contributors to the quality of life in my home province.

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### AIRPORTS

**Mr. Harry Chadwick (Bramalea—Gore—Malton):** Mr. Speaker, in Bramalea—Gore—Malton, we are waiting for the sounds of silence.

We were told not to worry about airport expansion, not to worry about noisy aircraft, not to worry about flight frequency. We were told that all these things will not matter when the airlines start flying quiet planes. With airlines competing for a dwindling world travel market, I am concerned that our airlines will not be able to afford to replace their fleets with quieter aircraft.

If the prominent airlines cannot afford to fly the new quiet jets, what about other less prominent airlines? In the United States, the FAA has unveiled legislation that would require airlines to have 25 per cent of their noisy planes removed by 1994 and the remainder by the year 2000.

Can we expect equally definitive legislation in Canada? Mr. Speaker, forgive us if we are not optimistic. Forgive us if we just do not buy the latest solution to living with airport noise.

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### PERSONS AWARD

**Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the winners of the 1991 Persons Award, named for the day women officially became persons in Canada, October 18, 1929. The winners are Doris Anderson, Solange Fernet-Gervais, Ursula Franklin, Jane Manuel and June Menzies.

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These women have made outstanding contributions, advancing the cause of women from advocacy on behalf of farm workers to repealing sexism in the Indian Act to working for equality for women in non-traditional fields. They are five courageous women.

I also want to congratulate women who have not received awards for a lifetime of work advancing the cause of women in Canada. We need to better appreciate the work of our foremothers, our sisters, our daughters and, of ourselves, in applying skills, intelligence and talent to a commitment to achieve full social and economic equality for the women of Canada.

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### FAMILY ASSISTANCE POLICIES

**Mr. Allan Koury (Hochelaga—Maisonneuve):** Mr. Speaker, the time has come to review our family assistance policies to make sure that they match the reality of the 1990s.

The present support system was developed on the basis of the needs of a traditional family composed of two parents, one of whom earned a salary. This system had two parts: a benefit plan and rules to prevent tax avoidance through income splitting. The tax system was later modified to follow trends in family structure, for example by setting up an equivalent credit for wholly dependent persons.

Today, the benefit plan and the rules are in flagrant contradiction. Thus, unmarried couples with children are in a better tax situation than married couples with children. The problem was recently recognized by Statistics Canada, Mr. Speaker, and is real. We are aware of it and will try to solve it.

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### TREASURY BOARD

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, let us examine the Tory yearly salary policy. The government refuses to give a salary increase to its employees this year and has limited the increase to 3 per cent for each of the next two years. It is fiscal restraint. But now the government has been caught giving fat bonuses to heads of Crown corporations and to other Order in Council Tory appointees.