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Economic integration means increasing opportunities for employment and training, encouraging employers and unions to support increased participation in the labour force and providing equal opportunities for employment and advancement in the Public Service.

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[English]

AIRLINE DISASTERS

Mr. George S. Baker (Gander—Grand Falls): Mr. Speaker, today marks the sixth anniversary of the worst air disaster on Canadian soil. To this day, the cause of the crash is not known.

The similarities between the Arrow air disaster in Canada and the Pan Am disaster over Lockerbie, Scotland are striking. Both aircraft left from North Africa taking U.S. soldiers back home for Christmas. Both aircraft landed in West Germany. Both carried out unidentified baggage. In both instances, the eye witness accounts were identical, denoting that there was a pre-crash fire. The similarities end there.

The glaring difference is that for the past three years the FBI and Scotland Yard have been examining every minute piece of wreckage to find the cause in Lockerbie whereas in Canada no such thorough investigation took place.

I am calling on the Government of Canada and the government of the United States to end this shameless disregard for how 256 people were killed on Canadian soil six years ago today and open a new and thorough examination.

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CONSTITUENCY CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, at 7:55 a.m. a faxed letter from Moosehorn was waiting for me. It read:

Dear Felix:

I do not know how you put up with it. Maw and I were certain the rat pack was dead. Does this Copps and Boudria even give up on their smear stuff?

Mr. Speaker: I wonder if the hon. member could turn this into a Christmas message. It should not be a personal attack.

Mr. Holtmann:

Oh well, times are tough and this Reform Party remind me too much like Oral Roberts or Jimmy Swaggart. Scary. Felix, we're stucken with you and Brian. Have a good Christmas. 92 will be much better.

Bill.

P.S. I like the way you have taken on the big banks. Maw and I are paying the shots and the bankers are getting rich.

P.S.S. I am not letting maw come to Ottawa. She has taken such a shine to your Speaker I am missing most of my hockey games and all-star wrestling.

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[Translation]

ROYAL CANADIAN MINT

Mr. Mark Assad (Gatineau—La Lièvre): Mr. Speaker, the current strike at the Royal Canadian Mint is a result of the actions of a government that has lost every sense of fairness. The international reputation of the Mint and the quality of its work are a source of pride for Canada, and this is entirely due to its employees. We must not forget that the Royal Canadian Mint makes a substantial profit every year. Despite that fact, the government managed to provoke the employees by offering them a wage increase well below what management was offered, although the average manager's salary is much higher than that of the employees now on strike.

Speaking on behalf of the employees who established the reputation of the Royal Canadian Mint throughout the world, we urge the government to appoint a mediator immediately.

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OPERATION RED NOSE

Mr. Gaby Larrivée (Joliette): Mr. Speaker, now that the holiday season is near, I would like to pay tribute to the work of the volunteers of the Operation Red Nose, especially those in the Joliette area.

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Operation Red Nose is a service to take people who have had too much to drink safely back to their home in their own car.

This essential service, sponsored locally by the Federation of Caisses Populaires Desjardins of Lanaudière, covers all of Quebec during the holiday period. It exists