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language and his skillful use of the French language. *Les silences du corbeau* attests as well to the depth of the sentiments and ties which seem to bind the author and his main character.

Mr. Rivard and the other award winners do Canadians and Quebecers proud. They epitomize the quality of our culture. Again I congratulate them, especially Mr. Rivard who hails from the magnificent riding of Outremont.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

MAJOR CONTRIBUTION OF QUÉBEC EAST

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec East): Mr. Speaker, to promote the quality of the environment through information, education and research, the Government has designated the first week of June as "Environment Week" throughout Canada.

Mr. Speaker, let me single out the major contribution of two leading industries located in my riding of Québec East which did not skimp and invested millions of dollars to improve the quality of our environment. I am referring to Reed Company which, since 1981, has spent in excess of \$40 million for water and atmospheric treatment by acquiring, among other things, a water purifier designed to clean sewage and eliminate toxic waste.

Thanks to a grant of \$800,000 from the Conservative Government, the Québec Urban Community has invested more than \$3 million over the past three years to improve air quality and fight pollution.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I think it is fitting to mention the efforts made by my Government to reach a mutually satisfying acid rain agreement with the Americans who, of course, are doing irreparable damage to our agriculture and forests.

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[English]

HOUSE OF COMMONS

STANDING ORDERS—PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, as was mentioned by my colleague, the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Birds Hill (Mr. Blaikie), today is the first time that the Government of this country has tried to change the Standing Orders since 1969 without the co-operation of the two opposition Parties.

In that previous debate one of the more eloquent Conservative speakers said it would be the rape of Parliament if the Government changed the Standing Orders of this place without the consultation and co-operation of the two opposition Parties.

We in both opposition Parties are negotiating, trying to have a package deal with the Government so that the Government's right to proceed is matched by the public's right to be informed on the legislation and to be involved in the discussions and debate of that legislation through the committee process. If we do not get that co-operation from the Government it sends a signal to the whole population of Canada that it is not part of the process and that parliamentary reform is dead.

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TERRORISM

INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON MEASURES TO CURTAIL TERRORISM

Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, last Thursday officials from Canada and the seven most industrialized countries, the United States, Britain, Italy, Japan, West Germany, France, as well as officials from Denmark and Belgium, met in Paris to discuss international terrorism. This was the first ever anti-terrorism summit to formalize co-operation between Governments in the fight against individuals who have no regard for human life.

If terrorism is to be eradicated from the face of this planet all nations must ensure that all available information on groups bent on overthrowing or undermining democratic countries or getting attention for some cause, be accessible.

Co-operation in Europe has already produced concrete results. France has managed to curtail Middle East terrorism while Italy has broken up the Red Brigades. Last week the French, acting on Italian intelligence, helped break up a network of the Red Brigades in Paris.

Now for the first time Canada, the United States and Japan will be part of this link to curtail terrorism. This is the only way to assure our citizens that individuals such as Francesco Piperno, a convicted Red Brigade terrorist seeking refugee asylum in Canada, will be immediately returned.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Mr. George Henderson (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, this week the Federation of Canadian Municipalities is holding its annual convention in Ottawa. In a recent statement the Federation said that "municipal infrastructure in Canada is in