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marks the forty-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Dieppe, an event that should never be forgotten.

Although as a young historian I stood on the beaches of Dieppe, we who were not there at the time will never be able to fully appreciate what was asked of those 5,000 members of the 2nd Canadian Division who went ashore despite the fact that all of the advantages were enjoyed by the enemy.

While military historians continue to argue about the merits of the Dieppe raid, the harsh fact remains that only 2,200, including 600 wounded, of the 5,000 returned to England. Over 900 were dead, the rest were prisoners of war.

Therefore, Canadians of all generations should remember and acknowledge those who, 45 years ago, were prepared to sacrifice all so that we today could enjoy the many privileges and freedoms which we all too often take for granted.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

TRAGIC DEATH OF PUBLIC SERVANTS—GOOD WISHES FOR ACCIDENT SURVIVORS

Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier): Mr. Speaker, a week ago today, this country lost four of its dedicated public servants.

I am referring to François Gascon, Robert Paradis, Richard Lemay and Jennifer Morden, all employees of the National Capital Commission, who lost their lives in a tragic accident on a highway in New York State while working on a campaign to promote this country.

Sadly, we are powerless to soften the impact of this painful loss on the fathers, mothers, husbands and wives, children, brothers and sisters, friends and colleagues of those who died. On behalf of all my colleagues and of the entire country, I can do no more than extend our sincere condolences and express our feelings of deepest sympathy.

As for Anne-Marie Leclerc, who was seriously hurt, we hope that the prayers of her family will give her the strength needed for a prompt recovery. And of course I must not forget Nathalie Charron, who, although she was physically unharmed, will always carry the memory of this tragic accident that stunned people across Canada.

I want to invite the people of Ottawa—Vanier and Ottawa—Carleton to attend the funeral service at Ottawa's Notre-Dame Cathedral, to honour the memory of these upstanding public servants.

POLITICAL PARTIES

ATTITUDE OF LIBERALS

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, unless they can be persuaded to change their minds, the appointed members of the Senate will refuse to pass Bill C-22, the legislation on drug patents.

The Senate's attitude is due to the firm grasp on that body exercised by an influential Liberal, a former member of the Liberal Cabinet and one of the prominent party members who are challenging the leadership of their present Leader.

May I suggest that if their party is to survive, Liberal Senators should have the political sense to respect the mandate of the elected Members of this House. Otherwise, in the next election, Canadians will eliminate what Liberals there are left.

And if the Liberal Senators insist on committing political suicide, the unfortunate result would be that the Socialists would form the Official Opposition in this House, unless the old Liberal clique decides to lean to the left as well.

Great Britain buried its Liberals. I don't think Canadians should do that.

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CHILD CARE

ADOPTION OF NATIONAL STANDARDS ADVOCATED

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Government's long awaited response to the Special Committee on Child Care was due. It is an innocuous two-page document which was not even tabled, and it states nothing of substance. It alludes to a national strategy on child care, but it gives no clue to what this strategy will be. There is no statement of federal objectives for a national child care program which is essential for negotiations with the provinces.

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Surely, after two years of unnecessary delay, the Minister by now could have at least established national objectives for a child care program that is accessible in all regions of Canada and to families of all incomes, that is comprehensive, with a range of flexible child care services, and provides guidelines so that federal funding will go only to licensed, quality child care services.

Another broken promise from a Government that cannot be trusted.