

However, doctors in the province of Ontario are still reeling from three consecutive years of ill-treatment by Bob Rae's NDP government. So far the Rae government has failed to establish meaningful co-operation with stakeholders in the health care system in order to make better decisions about the planning and delivery of health care services. For example, there should be incentives for people to use community clinics instead of hospital emergency wards which are five times more expensive.

Furthermore the Rae government has offered little or no support to the medical profession in its efforts to develop new payment models in order to manage costs. Doctors in Ontario are being squeezed by the Rae government in a way that is compromising their capacity to deliver medical services. Innocent patients are getting caught in the crossfire.

Ontarians are fed up. It is time for new and effective leadership in this province. Ontario needs a provincial government that is committed to quality health care.

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#### ARMENIAN PEOPLE

**Mr. Michel Daviault (Ahuntsic, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, the Bloc Québécois joins with all Armenians to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Armenian genocide, which began in April 1915. This despicable crime against humanity must not be forgotten.

The obvious lack of leadership shown by Canada regarding this unpunished crime is upsetting. Under René Lévesque, Quebec did recognize the Armenian genocide. The Liberal government shows a blatant lack of courage and clear-mindedness by continuing to ignore this genocide.

On behalf of all Quebecers and Canadians, the Bloc Québécois does remember this tragedy and does sympathize with the Armenian people.

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#### SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY OF CANADA

**Mrs. Diane Ablonczy (Calgary North, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the Schizophrenia Society of Canada is launching a major campaign today to dispel the myths and misconceptions about schizophrenia and to raise public awareness regarding the real symptoms and the impact of the disease. The theme of the national campaign is: "If you think spelling it's hard, imagine living with it".

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Schizophrenia will affect one out of every 100 persons, or about 270,000 Canadians. It is one of the most common forms of

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mental illness. Sadly, 40 per cent of people with this disease will attempt to take their lives. Sadder still, one-quarter of those will succeed.

Schizophrenia is caused by a chemical imbalance in the brain and typically strikes people in their late teens or early twenties, often lasting a lifetime.

I applaud the efforts of the Schizophrenia Society of Canada as it works to alleviate the suffering caused by this disease.

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#### YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

**Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake, NDP):** Mr. Speaker, this past weekend the Yellowhead Highway Association held its 49th annual meeting in Edmonton. This organization, representing communities along the Yellowhead highway from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Merritt and Masset, B.C., has helped to improve safety, business and tourism along western Canada's most popular travel route.

Despite the significant success of the association, much remains to be done, requiring the ongoing and continuous commitment of provincial and federal governments. This means that the federal government must remain committed to the national highway system and to keep in place the resources necessary to upgrade and enhance the travel convenience provided by the new Trans-Canada Yellowhead Highway.

I urge the Minister of Transport to join the many dedicated people in western Canada who support the Yellowhead, to review his withdrawal of support from the national highways program and to renew the financial commitment that is so necessary to keep this highway functioning.

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#### BORN TO READ DAY

**Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my thanks to Ben Wicks, one of our great Canadian cartoonists, whose book entitled "Born to Read", was distributed today in over 10,000 schools across Canada.

His book was officially released this morning in a ceremony he attended on Parliament Hill in the presence of Governor General Roméo LeBlanc and Senator Joyce Fairbairn, the minister responsible for literacy.

[Translation]

As an amateur caricaturist and former teacher, I am very proud of the tool Ben Wicks is offering to parents of young children. It will make their first reading lessons interesting as well as educational.

As well, I am convinced that this book will be a great help in the fight against illiteracy.