

I urge the government to adopt the principles of the sub-committee report on breast cancer and to support my private member's motion which calls on the government to take effective action against breast cancer.

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SHOP CANADA DAY

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, thanks to the initiative of the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce, its president, Dick Dolphin, its executive director, Rebecca Johnson, and all of their out-shopping committee and thanks to the members of this House for their gracious consent, Saturday, July 4, 1992 has been proclaimed Shop Canada Day.

This is a great opportunity for all retailers, large and small, in Canada through advertising to invite their customers to shop at home on July 4. Let me suggest to all retailers in this country that they run a trailer in all their advertisements reminding Canadians to shop on July 4 in Canada.

Today, I will be asking Eaton's and Simpsons, the largest retailers in Canada, to incorporate that in their advertisements.

This is a great opportunity for all Canadians to work together to make Shop Canada Day a success and make all Canadians think about shopping at home.

Let us protect Canadian industries. Let us protect our retailers in Canada. Above all, let us protect those jobs that those retail industries will bring to our country.

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MILTON POST OFFICE

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, there was a time when members of Parliament had a lot to say about the affairs of the post office.

In most rural areas the post office was the one direct and visual link between the people and the Government of Canada. Naturally MPs took strong notice of constituents' concerns regarding postal issues. Most rural MPs still do. Certainly I do.

Canada Post has been a Crown corporation since 1981, operating increasingly at arm's length from government. Canada Post officials say they have removed politics from the post office.

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Nevertheless, the people in rural and small-town Canada still expect their MPs to be able to do something and influence decisions regarding the post office. That is why 650 residents of Milton have written to me during the past week with a plea that I save their post office.

I took that plea to officials of Canada Post who listened but who will not budge from their unpopular conversion policy. In the case of Milton, a centrally located and convenient post office will be replaced by an inconveniently located RPO on the edge of town.

People in Milton are mad and dissatisfied and I urge Canada Post to reconsider this bad decision.

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DRUGS AND PHARMACEUTICALS

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, when Bill C-22, the amendment to the Patent Act, was passed in 1987, the government and the multinational drug companies pledged to create jobs and to hold down drug prices.

They have done neither. They no longer talk about the promised 3,000 research jobs which have not materialized. In fact 700 jobs have been lost in drug manufacturing. The cost of drugs has risen faster than any other component of health care costs.

Where do the Liberals stand on Bill C-91 tabled in this House today that will kill the uniquely Canadian generic drug industry? Their consumer spokesperson stated this morning that he supported the prices review board which approved all these inflationary drug prices and increases for multinational drug companies.

Who is the chief spokesperson and lobbyist for the multinational drug companies? None other than Judy Erola, former Liberal Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. That is like making the shepherd the spokesperson for the wolves.

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PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, while women professionals have made great strides in establishing their abilities in a number of professions, they have been less successful in achieving substantial progress in the engineering field.