

Canadian women and, number two, protection for unborn children.

Canadians from sea to sea demand an abortion law. Canadians will accept nothing less than a law that significantly reduces the number of abortions performed in Canada.

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FISHERIES

WEST COAST SALMON AND HERRING

Mr. David Barrett (Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca): Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the House's attention another sell-out by the Conservative government in its inadequacy in dealing with the resources of Canada.

In the federal government's attempt to protect west coast fisheries it made a ruling that all salmon and herring would have to be landed in British Columbia, inspected and then sold. GATT opposed that agreement. We lost at GATT, and what did the federal Government do? Instead of going back to GATT, it went to the free trade panel and said that this will be solved there as promised by the Prime Minister.

We know now that we have lost again. This government has sold out British Columbians. This government has sold out Canadians. Our fishing industry is threatened and they are gutless to do a single thing about it. Scrap the free trade agreement. Save Canadian jobs. That is what needs to be done.

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VISIBLE MINORITIES

ALLEGED RACIST REMARKS OF MEMBER

Mrs. Nicole Roy-Arcelin (Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, I want to express my feelings of revolt and sadness concerning the remarks made recently by a Member of the Opposition who criticized a fellow Canadian running in an election and called him a black man just released from a psychiatric hospital.

I feel personally involved because my husband and children are of Haitian origin, therefore black. The black community of this country—4 per cent of all Canadians—and all Canadians have been insulted and humiliated by the irresponsible remarks of the Hon. Member about Mr. Jean Alfred.

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By remaining quiet and silent about such undignified behaviour, do Members of the Liberal Party of Canada not endorse this statement?

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully urge the Leader of the Liberal Party to repudiate immediately in this House the racist statement of one of his colleagues.

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FINANCE

PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Dennis Mills (Broadview—Greenwood): Mr. Speaker, "While a balanced federal budget is desirable, what good is a balanced budget to the next generation if they inherit a dead planet?" These are the words of Mark Cullen to the Minister of Finance on behalf of 3,000 concerned Canadians.

We ask you: Does it make sense, considering that all the oxygen we breathe is produced by green, living plants, that landscape plants and indoor plants will be taxed at the same 9 per cent rate as many pollution producing products? Does it make sense that the home composters will be taxed, while it is proven that home composting can reduce residential curbside garbage by 30 per cent?

Does it make sense that a head of lettuce from California will be tax-free at the supermarket, while Canadian produced lettuce seeds and transplants will be taxable?

We believe that the exemption of these and many other environmentally friendly products from the proposed federal goods and services tax is a serious oversight.

Please say no to tax on plants and encourage Canadians to take an active role in cleaning up the environment.

The undersigned have said: "please, say no to tax on plants."

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HUMAN RIGHTS

COMMENTS OF MEMBER

Mr. Willie Littlechild (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, I want to inform this House about outrageous remarks made by an hon. member when he referred to a fellow