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legitimate, non-elected members of the Liberal Party for manipulative electoral sham and for the polls, propaganda and patronage orchestrated by a small elite. According to journalist Terrance Wills of the *Gazette*, this attack was aimed at the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), Senator Keith Davey, his guru of strategy, Jim Coutts, the Prime Minister's principal secretary and others with informal roles in advising the Government, which totally bypassed the democratically accountable executive of the Party.

This commission came down with some very interesting conclusions and suggestions. Among other things it said:

Some believe the price the party has paid for being so long in power has been the loss of its idealism.

It also said:

Answers have not yet been found to our serious weakness in western Canada.

I am going to deal with that. The commission went on to say:

The national party is out of touch with Parliamentary caucus. Given the quality of advice from the national party, an MP has to be a saint, or an aspiring leadership candidate to pay much attention to the national party.

These are not the words of political opponents of the Liberal Government of the country. These are the words of a commission established by the president of the Liberal Party. These are words of resolutions passed overwhelmingly by the rank and file of the Liberal Party. People across this country, including Liberals, have had it up to their teeth with the attitude with respect to job creation and the operation of the public affairs of our country. This attitude has reduced the significance of Parliament and the parliamentary caucus to a group of mere yesmen, and centered all the activity in the Prime Minister's Office on the non-elected, non-accountable officials whom I have mentioned. I suggest, Mr. Speaker, that is precisely what is at the bottom of the problem at a time when we face unprecedented unemployment of 11.2 per cent in our country.

● (1400)

Mr. Speaker: It being two o'clock p.m. the House will now proceed to statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 21.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

AUTOMOBILE EMISSION STANDARDS

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, Mr. Michael Perley of the Canadian Coalition on Acid Rain has mentioned in discussions that Michael Walsh, who was with the Environmental Protection Agency in the United States under the Carter administration, was instrumental in having stricter automobile emission legislation put through.

Though there have been announcements in this respect, I wonder whether the Minister of the Environment or the Minister of Transport are planning an announcement that there will be no change in the automobile emission standards in Canada until the 1990 models come out.

Considering that the cars assembled here in Canada are shipped to the U.S. with emission reduction gear, why is the Government reluctant to do the same here, and why not the 1986 model year? I wonder whether the Ministers responsible have had any consultations with the automobile manufacturers on the basis that leaded gasoline will be reduced and that this will suffice.

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[Translation]

OLYMPIC GAMES

A GOLD MEDAL FOR CANADA

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Louis-Hébert): Mr. Speaker, as you probably know, this morning Gaétan Boucher won a gold medal for Canada for speed skating, his second medal in two days.

Mr. Speaker, I am aware that Standing Order 21 does not provide for extending congratulations, and it is not my intention to go against the Standing Order.

Nevertheless, I would like to point out that the gold and silver medals were won despite the fact that Canada offers this sport only marginal support. In fact, the Canadian speed skating team has to go abroad to train on artificial ice, since there are no facilities in Canada.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to bring the following to the attention of Canadians and this House. As you know, the next Olympic Games will be held in Calgary, here in Canada, and western Canada will therefore have the facilities required to train speed skaters on an artificial rink. I think it is high time eastern Canada was provided with a speed skating rink, considering the fact that Canada's speed skating team at the Olympic Games in Sarajevo consists of seven skaters, all from the Province of Quebec.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that Gaétan Boucher and all the athletes representing us at the Games in Sarajevo are an inspiration for young Canadians who also hope one day to make their country proud of their achievements.

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[English]

VIA RAIL

PASSENGER SERVICE DELAYS

Mr. J. R. Ellis (Prince Edward-Hastings): Mr. Speaker, since I had so little time in committee last week, and since the