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The facts leading up to the incident as well as the public reaction since indicate a strong message. It is time both federal and provincial politicians listened. We have perhaps the best police forces in the world, but our courts are pathetic and Canadians are showing less and less faith in the system. It is time for toughening and speeding up our judicial system. It is long overdue. Let's get at it.

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REVENUE CANADA

THEFT OF TAX RECORDS

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, this morning we learned that 16 million taxpayers' files have been lost. The integrity of the entire Canadian tax system is threatened by this inexcusable breach of taxpayers' privacy. How can Canadians trust a Government that cannot keep tax records confidential?

Today Canadians must ask themselves what will happen to our tax structure. Every Canadian files a tax return voluntarily every year. Those tax returns contain vital information. If the Government and the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. MacKay) cannot guarantee the confidentiality of those records, it will be very bad for all Canadians. I hope the Minister of National Revenue will do something about this right away. It took six days to find out that those records were missing. Something is wrong in that Department.

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THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

CHOICE OF ANDRÉ VIGER OF QUEBEC AS "PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR"

Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the world wheelchair marathon champion, André Viger from Quebec, was voted "Personality of the Year" at the third "*Gala de l'Excellence*" organized by the newspaper *La Presse*.

André Viger has been a real winner since the beginning of this year. He won seven out of nine marathons in which he participated, breaking a whole series of records, and he won the world championship for the handicapped in England.

Our champion said during an interview: "I want to tell people to look at the potential, not the weaknesses of others. In my case, my greatest weakness, my wheelchair, has become my greatest strength."

In a text introducing the fifty-two candidates for the award, Mr. Roger D. Landry, president and editor of *La Presse*, said: "Excellence means setting an example. It means overcoming seemingly insurmountable obstacles. It means wanting to

persevere against all adversity and having the ambition to succeed."

Mr. Speaker, with all the Members of this House, I say: Bravo, André Viger!

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[English]

APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA—OPPOSITION TO SALE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA LUMBER

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, in his bid to sell lumber to South Africa, British Columbia Premier Bill Vander Zalm has shown contempt for human rights and total ignorance of the vicious nature of apartheid. British Columbians must speak out against such a shameful, selfish, and shortsighted policy. Trading with apartheid will not solve our economic problems.

Vander Zalm's proposal has called the Prime Minister's (Mr. Mulroney) bluff. The Prime Minister pretends that he has taken a strong stand against apartheid, but when Vander Zalm thumbs his nose at this policy, our Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) says there is nothing he can do unless we pass a law. If that is what it takes, by all means let us pass a law which bans all trade with South Africa.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

SABOTAGE COMMITTED IN ICELAND—ICELANDIC COMMUNITY'S OUTRAGE

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Selkirk—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, the largest Icelandic settlement outside of Iceland is Gimli, located in my constituency.

The people of Gimli are outraged with the recent sinking of two whaling ships in Reykjavik harbour and the destruction of the offices of a nearby fishing company. They are outraged that a Canadian is openly bragging that his group, the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society, is taking full credit for a criminal action in another nation. They are not pleased that acts of international sabotage are initiated from within Canada.

The action of Paul Watson should be condemned by all Canadians. Acts of sabotage cannot be condoned in any part of the world. I know that I speak on behalf of my constituents when I urge the House and request the Government to co-operate fully with the Icelandic Government to bring those responsible for this crime to justice.