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The Government of Canada, the Liberal Party of Canada, the New Democratic Party of Canada, the first ministers of the 10 Canadian provinces and the leaders of the Northwest Territories and Yukon, aboriginal people, the Government of New Brunswick, the Conservative Party of New Brunswick, the New Democratic Party of New Brunswick and the majority of the citizens of my province agree with guaranteeing the equality of my province's two official language communities.

Will the Government of Canada in co-operation with the Government of New Brunswick confirm today that it will enshrine Bill 88, the best Christmas present we could give the Acadians of New Brunswick since 1755?

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VIOLENCE

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest): Mr. Speaker, five research centres on family violence and violence against women were announced on November 12 and November 13 by the Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Minister responsible for the Status of Women and several of my colleagues, along with the president of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council.

This innovative network of centres, funded equally by Health and Welfare Canada and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, will see the creation of new partnerships among front-line workers, community groups and researchers.

The successful centres chosen by an arm's length committee will be based at the University of New Brunswick, the University of Western Ontario, the University of British Columbia, the University of Manitoba and l'Université de Montréal in conjunction with Laval University in Quebec City.

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The practical research into the grass-root causes of family violence and violence against women will help all Canadians find the solution to these pervasive and troubling problems in our society.

THE ECONOMY

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, each day the economic forecasts of this government are proven wrong. Each day the pace of plant closures quickens, the line of unemployed grows and the despair of ordinary Canadians deepens.

Yet, in the face of a fierce recession, government policies are driven by accountants intent on spending cuts and by politicians relying on the marketplace and the goodwill of corporations. This government forgets that unemployment statistics are about human beings increasingly left out in the cold.

Nowhere is the crisis more desperate than with Canada's youth. For young people who look forward to a productive life, the unemployment line is their prospect; the vicious circle of no experience blocking experience, their reality; welfare, their alternative.

Young people must be offered hope, a fair shot at a decent job. Urgent priority must be given to job creation, to improved education and apprenticeship, to substantial job opportunities for youth.

While 1.5 million Canadians are waiting, we simply do not have one person to waste.

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AIRLINE INDUSTRY

Mr. Ken Hughes (Macleod): Mr. Speaker, the airline industry world-wide is facing difficult times. This is also true in Canada.

The employees of Canadian Airlines International have committed between 5 per cent to 9 per cent of their salaries for the next three years in an effort to save their jobs and their company in a competitive industry.

This innovative commitment is remarkable. I encourage cabinet to back the employees of Canadian Airlines International with loan guarantees. Canada needs a competitive airline industry.

I also encourage both Air Canada and Canadian Airlines International to get on with business, build those international partnerships, and continue to serve the travelling Canadian public as well as we know they can.