

One move may cost as much as \$10,000, Mr. Speaker. This means it will cost the House of Commons nearly \$300,000 to let 30 members play a new version of musical chairs.

How can the government justify this kind of frivolous spending in the face of budgetary cutbacks, when it has just asked its own employees and all Canadians to tighten their belts?

I urge the Prime Minister to set an example to Canadians and postpone these moves until after the next election.

An office does not the member make, and I think the Prime Minister, the President of the Treasury Board and the Conservative Party whip should put a stop to this foolishness immediately.

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[English]

GEOGRAPHIC HERITAGE

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, it has been said that this government lacks a vision of Canada. As it enters into free trade negotiations and agreements with nations to our south, it has ignored our own future. It completely ignores Canada's north.

The budget, the government's estimates and its legislative program indicate a sad lack of knowledge and understanding of the vast potential within our borders.

Where is the northern vision of John Diefenbaker? Why have the goals and dreams of those who explored and settled our nation disappeared? Why is the idea of developing northern ports like Churchill simply ignored? Why have we not trained people to live and work profitably in the vast majority of Canada? Why have we looked at our geography and simply shrugged? Why has this lack of vision prevented Canada from including our native population in developing the north?

Is it any wonder why this nation struggles so much with finding its soul, when it has managed to ignore the very nature of our geographic heritage?

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is International Women's Day. Women in Canada have little cause to celebrate, particularly in Parliament.

Participation in the subcommittee looking at violence against women is ample evidence of the indifference of male MPs to this issue.

Indeed, many members of Parliament feel that the ability to blow apart rabbits rapidly is a higher priority than the need to reduce the carnage by guns from which women suffer disproportionately across this country.

Systemic sexual discrimination and harassment are rampant. Women are under-represented on key committees. Many parliamentary association executives, for example NATO, are private men's clubs. Signs and titles such as chairman identify this as a male place.

In a country where one in four women are sexually assaulted and 90 per cent of women experience sexual harassment in the work place, we as parliamentarians must act as a united force to combat this problem.

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OGILVY RENAULT

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, friends in greed are friends indeed.

Claude Fontaine sits on the Board of Directors of Petro-Canada.

Claude Fontaine is a senior partner of Ogilvy Renault, barristers and solicitors.

Ogilvy Renault has been retained by the Government of Canada to assist in the privatization of, guess what, Petro-Canada.

Bernard Roy, appointed principal secretary to the Prime Minister in the past, now works for Ogilvy Renault. What another happy coincidence.

The Prime Minister, before becoming Prime Minister by way of Iron Ore, also practised law at Ogilvy Renault.

The Prime Minister and Bernard Roy were room-mates at university.