

Another year has gone by. Another year has been wasted. Another year's crop of farmers has been lost. I call on the Government to make a greater commitment to ensure the survival of the family farm.

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ACCESS TO JUSTICE

THEME OF LAW DAY

Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Standing Committee on Justice and Solicitor General I am pleased to invite my colleagues and all Canadians to celebrate the sixth annual Law Day which takes place tomorrow. For six years now Law Day has given us an occasion to reflect upon the rights and freedoms which define our society and which benefit all Canadians. This year's theme, "Access to Justice", reflects the right of every Canadian to have equal access to information about the law as well as equal opportunity for access to the courts.

Tomorrow across Canada members of the Canadian Bar Association and other lawyers from the private and public sector will be engaged in a variety of activities aimed at bringing the law to the Canadian public. I look forward personally to speaking to students at Woodroffe High School in my riding about the work of our committee.

As Members of this House it is our duty to help our constituents become more aware of the law and how it affects them. All Canadians should feel that the law exists for them and that it allows them to live in a fair and just society. It is up to each one of us to help make access to justice a reality for all.

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WELFARE

CHANGES TO BRITISH COLUMBIA SYSTEM

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I rise today in the House to voice my complete indignation at Premier Vander Zalm's reorganization of the B.C. welfare system. We heard this morning that in the restructuring of the welfare program Mr. Vander Zalm has decided to cut back on welfare benefits for single mothers. Even Mr. Vander Zalm's allies find inconsistency in the fact that Mr. Vander Zalm is trying, on the one hand, to promote family life while, on the other hand, making life more difficult for single head of family mothers.

According to Mr. Vander Zalm's new restructuring, women who do not find work within 15 weeks of the birth of their children will face a financial penalty. How can Mr. Vander Zalm reconcile the promotion of family life with the fact that

he is virtually ruling out the possibility for single women to have a child by imposing harsh restrictions on their access to welfare benefits?

I see no promise for universal day care in Mr. Vander Zalm's new program, only a vague promise of personal intervention in the harshest cases. Single mothering is itself a harsh case, Mr. Speaker, a case Mr. Vander Zalm is making harsher. We must voice our disdain for a plan so completely devoid of compassion or understanding.

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AIRPORTS

HAMILTON INTERNATIONAL—TRILINGUAL PLUG

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth): *Merci, M. le Président. Bienvenue a l'aéroport internationale de Hamilton!*

Mr. Speakah, Ah want to welcome y'all to Hamilton InterNayshunal Eiry-port.

Viva! La Aero-puerto Interna-TZion-Ale di Hamilt-Don!!

You see, Mr. Speaker, it does not matter which language you use, the name "Hamilton International Airport" has a nice ring to it. It is also becoming an urgent ring because of potentially greater chaos and confusion at Toronto with the construction of a third terminal building there. Many pilots and passengers are suddenly becoming aware of Hamilton's superb runways and facilities.

With regularly scheduled services such as Pan Am Express and Alleghany Airways to the United States, and with NationAir coming on stream with flights to London, England, and hopefully beyond to continental Europe, we are now virtually an international airport.

I am formally inviting the new Minister of Transport (Mr. Bouchard) and the new Minister of State for Transport (Mr. St. Germain) to see for themselves what should become Canada's newest international airport—Hamilton International Airport.

Merci, Thank Yew, Dankeschön, and Muchos Gracias.

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AIR CANADA

OPPOSITION TO SALE OF SHARES

Mr. Les Benjamin (Regina West): Mr. Speaker, Canadians are asking a lot of questions about the Government's scheme to sell Air Canada and to sell them out. Canadians want to know why it is okay to give General Motors \$250 million in subsidies but not to give Air Canada a similar injection of cash. Why have the Government and Air Canada not considered capital refinancing plans that do not involve selling out the company?