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HEALTH

GLUE SNIFFING RE-EMERGENCE IN WINNIPEG

Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, glue sniffing has re-emerged in Winnipeg as an urgent concern and it probably has national dimensions as well. It involves the abuse of common household dimensions as well. It involves the abuse of common household products such as nail polish remover and contact cement. The effect of glue sniffing is to cloud the brain. It encourages vandalism, the exchange of sexual favours, and it has even killed young people through accidental over exposure.

The Winnipeg Indian Family Centre burned down recently. The community sought the causes of glue sniffing and found it in unmet human needs, lack of recreational facilities, and in free access to the product.

We had a bylaw in Winnipeg which regulated the sale of these products, kept them behind the counters and limited the age of people allowed access to them. The bylaw worked and the incidents of glue sniffing decreased in numbers. However, the courts threw the bylaw out. It is now a federal responsibility. The federal Government must act. We need to know whether the federal Government cares enough about community concerns and children, or if it will only respond to the business desire for the products to remain unregulated. These products can kill. Something can be done—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member knows the rules against displays. The Hon. Member for Swift Current-Maple Creek.

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THE ECONOMY

EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT DEFICITS ON EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current-Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, the head of the Canadian Labour Congress recently stated: "Government should realize their concern for jobs for all Canadians must override their preoccupation with deficits". What an incredible statement! If deficits are the answer, then why do so many remain unemployed after years of deficit financing? If, according to the Liberals and the NDP, deficits create jobs, why is it that 1.5 million Canadians were out of work when we took office? The truth is that deficits do not create jobs, they cost jobs.

Deficits rob Canadians of financial, social, and human resources. Money used to pay interest on the outstanding debt are simply not available for other government purposes, or indeed, to reduce taxes.

September 4, 1984, marked a watershed. For the first time in a generation we have a Government which is willing to face up to the deficit. The goal is job creation all right, but job creation through responsible deficit reduction. During the first seven months of this fiscal year the deficit actually went down. We have created more jobs in 17 months than the Liberals did

in the previous five years. These encouraging figures are concrete proof that the policies set forth in the May Budget are paying off. This represents a clear break with a trend established by successive Liberal Governments which pushed an ever-increasing deficit burden onto the backs of Canadians and nearly destroyed our economy. Stay the course, Mike Wilson, you are on the right track!

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

NEW BRUNSWICK—PROVINCE'S POSITION ON CONTROL OF EDUCATION FUNDS

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, Indian control of Indian education is supposed to be a long-standing policy of the federal Government. The policy recognized that if Indian students were to have the same opportunities that are available to other Canadians, Indian communities would have to participate in making basic decisions about schools and curricula. Unfortunately the Conservative Government of New Brunswick has given notice that it will no longer recognize a 1967 Indian education agreement with the federal Government.

The province does not agree with the section which allows individual Indian bands to control their education funds directly. The Kingsclear Indian Band in New Brunswick has asked for its education funding directly from the federal Government so it can purchase education services as desired by the Band. Instead of co-operating with the Band, the Conservative provincial Government has chosen to end the agreement. As the federal Government now claims to support Indian self-government, it should support the New Brunswick chiefs on this issue. Talk about self-government is a meaningless fraud unless Indian people have control in areas, which, by departmental policy, they already should have control.

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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATIONS—ROLE OF LIBERAL MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge-Foothills): Mr. Speaker, I rise to express the opinion that the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps) and the Hon. Member for York South-Weston (Mr. Nunziata) should rise in this House and issue a formal apology to the two female peace officers whose privileges were abused by the actions of those two Members last week. They should also write a formal letter of explanation to the Commissioner of the RCMP so that the personnel files of the two peace officers contain a clear explanation showing that the Hon. Members acted on their own and without permission of the two peace officers concerned.