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BREAST IMPLANTS

Ms. Mary Clancy (Halifax): Madam Speaker, in the Victorian era hysteria was considered an illness characteristic of the mentally unstable gender: the females.

It was argued that hysteria was tolerated and encouraged by the male dominated medical profession as an outlet for women's frustrations because such expressions of discontent did not have the power to effect socio-economic and political change.

Discontent with their status quo expressed through political agitation at the time would have been more dangerous.

Today one wonders just how much has changed. Women who have protested and asked for a ban of the Meme implant on the basis of its perceived hazards have been dismissed as hysterical. They have been called medical terrorists for raising doubts about the medical viability of such devices. They have been silenced when they have put forth evidence of their own mutilated bodies as living proof of the problems associated with their implants. They have been treated as hypochondriacs and deemed hysterical for thinking that their sufferings were imaginary.

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EL SALVADOR

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Madam Speaker, I ask the Minister of Employment and Immigration to review the current refugee policy for claimants from El Salvador.

While we all laud this country for reaching a peace settlement, the fact is that El Salvador is still not safe for all of its citizens.

British Columbians have rallied behind the Garcia family whose claim to remain here in Canada has been rejected. There is every reason to believe that the Garcias would be in danger if they are returned to El Salvador.

Mrs. Garcia was under suspicion just for being a trade unionist. While living in El Salvador, the family car was riddled with bullets, the family home was bombed and the Garcias were held hostage for 11 days.

Just last week, a trade unionist was assassinated in El Salvador. Incredibly, the Immigration Department feels that this is a safe environment.

I ask the Minister of Immigration to look realistically at the situation in El Salvador and to review the claim by the Garcias. This could be a matter of life and death.

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MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Madam Speaker, while financing municipal infrastructure may not, in normal times, be the responsibility of the federal government, it clearly is the federal government's responsibility to institute policies that encourage competitiveness and full employment.

The Minister of Finance recognized the link between infrastructure and competitiveness in his budget speech when he said: "At the recent First Ministers' meeting many governments stressed the important contribution that adequate infrastructure makes to our competitive position. The Government of Canada agrees that this is important".

At the same time, there can be absolutely no doubt about the link between job creation and a works program to build and repair infrastructure needed to help make us competitive.

At this abnormal time, when we desperately need to improve our competitiveness and create jobs, the government must initiate a fiscally responsible program to finance the upgrading of municipal infrastructure.

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Mr. Mike Breough (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, according to *The Citizen* this morning, it cost last year \$840,000 to supply the Prime Minister's Office with information. The study by Brad Mann Communications Consulting Inc. found that the sheer volume and variety of clipping packages means that some of these products are not being used.