

problem for Canada's railways. I quote: "Canadian railways pay some \$225 million more in taxes per year than U.S. railroads".

Does the minister agree with this statement? Why does he think Canadian workers should bear the brunt of the solution when Canadian governments are causing a large part of the problem?

Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy the member in the latter part of his question rectified what he had said in the first part. The CEO of CN has not blamed the federal government. He has blamed the fact that the railways in general are paying too much money in taxes.

He should know that the federal government collects \$75 million a year from the railways and that is 18 per cent of their total taxes. They pay \$203 million to provincial governments, which is 48.6 per cent, and \$139 million to municipalities, which is 33.4 per cent.

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YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Justice.

Canadians are disturbed and concerned over the terrible crimes perpetrated on our society. I would like to know what the minister intends to do about the Young Offenders Act. Will he introduce amendments which will permit the naming of young offenders who commit violent crimes?

Hon. Pierre Blais (Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister of State (Agriculture)): Mr. Speaker, this is a very controversial issue, as my hon. friend knows.

I know there is public concern about the situation. The courts are open to the public and there is access to the records of young offenders for a broad range of purposes.

The question on the other side concerns the rehabilitation process. We have to make sure the rehabilitation process works. The way we can achieve that is by bringing everybody together to work on getting it done.

As my hon. friend from Mississauga West and all other members of the House will know, there was a unanimous

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report of the standing committee on justice which made a lot of recommendations concerning crime prevention in this country. I hope the symposium we are having on crime prevention in Toronto this week will address those issues and some others, with the help of all stakeholders including members of this House.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the government. Two weeks ago, the government announced that the women's program would be funded permanently. The same day, it took \$1 million from that program. This morning, the National Federation of French Canadian Women and the Quebec Women's Federation asked the government to double the amount for enhancing the status of women.

Does the government intend to follow through this request from women's groups?

Hon. Monique Landry (Secretary of State of Canada): Mr. Speaker, indeed, my colleague mentioned that the women's program had been renewed and the good news he forgot to mention is that it has been renewed permanently.

I can tell him that women's groups applauded this decision of the government, which shows our government's commitment to support women's groups that have already done a great deal for women's equality and all the concerns that women have in their communities.

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Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, surely the minister could have at least dealt with the heart of the question, the cuts received by women's groups after the announcement was made.

Health and welfare estimates list family planning and reproductive health as past initiatives. There is no commitment to fund these areas in 1993-94.

Considering the long-term social and economic impact of unwanted pregnancies on the individuals involved and on society, will the minister commit here and now to continuing to fund family planning education and research in the coming year?