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Mr. Speaker, the riding of Drummond has many activities and tourist attractions, including the World Folklore Festival which last year attracted more than 750,000 visitors and was proclaimed the tourism event of the year in Quebec. There are many historic sites to delight the visitor, such as the *Village québécois d'antan*, the *Parc des Voltigeurs*, the *Domaine* and the *Manoir Trent*, the *Moulin Blanchette* and many more.

I therefore want to take this opportunity to invite Canadians to my beautiful part of the country.

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### CORPORATE TAXATION

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, today the corporate welfare bum of the week honours friends in high places. Our three nominees each gave handsome donations to the Liberal and Conservative parties in 1988.

Our first nominee is the Bank of Nova Scotia which gave \$80,000 to both the Liberals and the Conservatives.

Our second nominee is the Bank of Montreal which gave \$80,000 to the Conservatives and \$80,510 to the Liberals. Who says there is no competition among the banks?

Our third nominee is Wood Gundy which gave \$67,000 to the Conservatives and \$25,000 to the Liberals.

The envelope, please!

The winner is Wood Gundy. Wood Gundy remembered its friends in the Conservative government in 1988 after it made \$31 million for underwriting the sale of Air Canada in 1987. For keeping its friends in high places, Wood Gundy is the corporate welfare bum of the week.

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### THE ENVIRONMENT

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, increasingly, politicians are expected to act in the face of scientific uncertainty. This is why the precautionary principle is increasingly being accepted in political circles.

The reasoning goes like this: To do the right thing in the environment, we must anticipate and prevent. We must attack the causes of environmental degradation at the source, and before the problems become too big to handle. In addition, where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of complete scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.

There is also recognition of the fact that many measures urged on behalf of the environment make good economic sense as well. To achieve sustainable development, policies must be based on the precautionary principle which was widely endorsed at the just concluded Bergen Conference on Sustainable Development.

We urge the Government of Canada to put this principle into practice.

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### ALLERGY AWARENESS MONTH

**Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta):** Mr. Speaker, allergies to natural substances and to chemical compounds can be a severe irritant to some people and life-threatening to others. In fact, more and more people seem to be affected by allergies in our modern and fast-paced way of life.

Awareness and understanding of allergies and their causes, a knowledge of ingredients of everyday products, such as food, clothing, and household cleansers, as well as the preservation of our environment are all keys to living safely with allergies.

The month of May marks Allergy Awareness Month and I wish to take this opportunity to salute the Allergy Information Association. For over 25 years, the Allergy Information Association has alerted Canadians to the hidden dangers of living with allergies by promoting awareness, lobbying for accurate food and textile labelling, and providing authoritative advice to Canadians who may suffer from allergies.

On behalf of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, I express our gratitude to the many dedicated volunteers of the Allergy Information Association.