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EMPLOYMENT CENTRE IN JONQUIÈRE

Mr. Jean-Pierre Blackburn (Jonquière): Madam Speaker, today I have a special message for the people of Jonquière.

Tuesday, a number of people went to the Employment Centre to apply for jobs at the Jonquière Tax Centre. At eight o'clock in the morning there was a long line of people in front of the Employment Centre, and some people did not have a chance to submit their application.

They were critical of the process, so I asked the authorities at the Employment Centre and the Jonquière Tax Centre to reassess their procedures when offering employment.

Transparence and equity are important, and we will do what is necessary to take appropriate corrective action, in the best interests of all concerned.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Madam Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of the House a disturbing issue concerning the delivery of sewer and water services to Canada's Indian reserves.

Many of us know that most reserves have high unemployment rates, as high as 85 and 90 per cent and many are dependent, unfortunately, on welfare.

Their native children commit suicide at seven times the national rate and many young native men and women stand a better chance of going to jail than university.

Members may not know that many native communities do not in this day and age enjoy the kinds of things others take for granted, running water, hot showers, flush toilets, washing machines. Without these necessities the economic health and environmental problems on reserves will continue.

Despite recent agreements that are resulting in water and sewage systems being installed in native communities, native people are still being asked to pay for the hookup of these systems.

This may seem very reasonable in most situations, but in communities with 85 and 90 per cent unemployment, this is a fiscal impossibility. I call upon the government to provide—

Madam Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. member's time has expired.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Madam Speaker, John Ross Taylor, the leader of the Western Guard Party was ordered by the Human Rights Commission to disconnect the telephone answering machine which was used to spread hatred against various ethnic and racial minorities. This case was appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada and Mr. Taylor's one-year conviction was upheld. It is difficult to understand why the Human Rights Commission waited for over seven months to proceed with the process to have Mr. Taylor incarcerated.

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The Human Rights Commission often times complains that it does not have the teeth to fight the promotion of hatred. Here it had the teeth and waited too long to use them.

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WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY WEEK

Hon. John Bosley (Don Valley West): Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask members of the House to join in recognition next week of White Ribbon Against Pornography Week.

The national group Citizens for Decency has set aside the week of October 27 to November 3 in order to raise public awareness of the damage caused by pornography.

We as legislators have always known we have special responsibilities, particularly to make war against those who would take advantage of children, the creation of and sale of pornography. The children particularly must never be used to enhance profit margins for unscrupulous wholesalers of pornographic material.

I have forwarded to each member and senator a white lapel ribbon so that they may show their support during this campaign next week. It is impossible to quantify the harm done to young minds from pornography, but our