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admiration of and support for our Canadian forces in that theatre.

Now that the United States has lifted its participation in the arms embargo, there is concern for how this will affect the situation in Bosnia. The Prime Minister has on several occasions stated that if the arms embargo is lifted Canadian forces will be withdrawn. Britain and France have voiced similar policies.

We hope the Canadian government will soon provide an update as to what negotiations are taking place and what actions are being considered.

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B. C. WINE INDUSTRY

Ms. Hedy Fry (Vancouver Centre, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the term wine and dine has taken on new meaning in my home province of British Columbia. Going out are the French Burgundies and California Chardonnays. Coming in are the British Columbia Pinot Blancs, Pinot Noirs, Gewurtraminers and Merlots.

B.C. wine industry sales climbed to nearly \$20 million in the last year and a national export committee has been created to market abroad. Although the acreage used for viticulture in B.C. is a fraction of that of France, Australia or California, B.C. wines have won numerous awards over the past few years.

Through the tireless work of the Vintner's Quality Alliance and local growers the quality of B.C. wines has improved dramatically over the past decade. Concentration on German style wines and higher quality vinifera grape varieties has contributed to this success.

Many B.C. wines, including Cedar Creek of Kelowna, have won international awards. However the crowning glory came with the recent award of the coveted British Avery trophy to Mission Hill Winery of Kelowna. This prestigious gold medal heralds the maturity of Canada's wine industry. At last our wines can enjoy the international reputation—

The Speaker: The hon. member for Rosedale.

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REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN

Mr. Bill Graham (Rosedale, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, many of my constituents have contacted me recently regarding the advisability of taxing RRSPs. Many of them oppose taxing RRSPs because they are aware of the importance of RRSPs to individuals who are not employed by institutions and who have no other way of saving for their retirement. Taxing RRSPs would afford such people less protection than those who work for govern-

ment, large corporations or other institutions. As a matter of principle such unequal treatment is unfair.

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Taxing RRSPs runs counter to our government's active encouragement of the growth of small and medium size enterprises. Entrepreneurs running these businesses rely on the RRSP system to save for their futures.

Finally the Canadian savings rate is low. Investments in RRSPs may reduce immediate government tax revenue but create pools of capital for the benefit of all Canadians. This source of capital must not be forsaken merely to encourage immediate government consumption.

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NATIONAL CHILD'S DAY

Mrs. Marlene Cowling (Dauphin—Swan River, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize National Child's Day and to recognize the unique needs of children in rural Canada.

It is important for all members to remember what a precious resource our children are and for us to be mindful of their interests in our policy decisions. We must remember that the future that we are helping to create is their future.

We need to support children in our rural communities by ensuring that they have access to child care. We need to ensure that they continue to have access to quality health care and education. We also need to support continued diversification of our rural communities to ensure that rural children can have bright futures in their home communities.

In closing, I wish to recognize my own children who have been a source of joy, inspiration and pride for me and for whom I will always be thankful.

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MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE

Mrs. Suzanne Tremblay (Rimouski—Témiscouata, BQ): Mr. Speaker, Sunday night, on the television program "Soirée des masques" broadcast by the French network of the CBC, the Minister of Canadian Heritage told viewers that he liked theatre, in fact, he attended it regularly at the House of Commons.

I would like to remind the minister that the House of Commons is not like the Compagnons de Saint-Laurent. This is the real thing. When the Official Opposition asked for his resignation after he intervened with the CRTC, it was for real.

It is reprehensible that our heritage minister casts discredit on an institution such as Parliament with his inept jokes that amuse no one, implying that what goes on in this place has more to do with playacting than with real life.