

This kind of individual and community involvement is critical to eliminating drug and alcohol abuse, and it looks as though it may be working.

A recent survey by Addiction Services in Prince Edward Island shows a decrease in drug and alcohol use among Island high school students. We still face significant challenges in this area, but the kind of positive feedback found in this survey shows that we seem to be making progress.

I want to commend all individuals, organizations and communities that are working to make drug awareness a success this week and throughout the year.

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#### BILL C-80

**Mr. Jacques Tétreault (Laval—Centre):** Among other things, Mr. Speaker, Bill C-80 will provide better control over gun owners and the way firearms are used. This kind of legislation has become imperative.

Indeed another massacre took place earlier this month in a small New Zealand village where a mentally unstable man wielding an AK-47 assault rifle shot and killed 13 people and wounded 16 others.

This tragedy is one more like the incident involving Montreal polytechnical school students or the rampage in Stockton, California, where an individual—again armed with an AK-47 assault rifle—walked into a school yard where he killed six children and injured 30 more. Or again in the village of Hungerford in England where a disturbed man firing an AK-47 assault rifle killed 15 people and wounded 15 others.

Hardly a year ago we thought we were safe from massacres such as these.

As a society we have to pass appropriate legislation to strengthen control over gun ownership and use. We must endeavour as well to educate people on dangers involved in the unchecked firearm proliferation and the attendant violence.

Mr. Speaker, protecting the priceless value of human life is our responsibility.

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#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan):** Mr. Speaker, is the GST credit fairly allocated?

Jean McGrath of Nanaimo has an income of \$10,240 and a payment of \$68.37. She has friends with higher incomes and higher payments. She says that is not fair.

Mrs. Buckingham of Lantzville writes that her disabled son's income is \$8,046 and his payment is \$57.40. Another son has an income \$10,098 higher and his payment is \$15.10 more. She says that is not fair.

It gets better. In each of these cases the payment grows with income up to a total income of \$24,355. Then the payments start decreasing. However, a person with an income of \$1 per year gets \$47.50, exactly the same as one with an income of \$26,355.

It is fairness as practised by the Tory government. It is fairness as accepted by the Liberals as they allow the GST legislation to pass through the Senate.

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#### RAINY RIVER BAND

**Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to provide evidence of this government's failure to address its inadequate specific land claims policy properly.

The Rainy River Band located in my riding submitted a Statement of Claim in 1983. The claim seeks damages and land compensation, as well as a declaration that the surrenders by the six reserves involved were illegal.

From 1983 to 1985 the band, Canada, and the province of Ontario held meetings to discuss the land claims process and to review historical evidence. Since 1985 Ontario and the band have continued to hold discussions without Canada's participation.

The Minister of Indian Affairs told me in July 1990 that he was awaiting advice from the Department of Justice on whether the band's response establishes the grounds for entering into negotiations under the specific land claims policy.