

classification, career development, and employment prospects are absent in discussions with Treasury Board officials. She also stated that the present Treasury Board Minister after many calls and written requests by the union has said she is either "too busy" or "too tired" to meet with the union.

The President of PIPS has been forced to ask the Prime Minister publicly to intervene because of what she calls complete frustration.

When the responsible Cabinet Minister is "too busy" or "too tired" to meet with the groups she has responsibility for in bargaining, I believe she is also too tired to hold her job in Cabinet.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

OTTAWA—BUS TRANSPORT DURING RUSH HOURS

Mr. W. R. Bud Jardine (Northumberland—Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, the Ontario provincial Environment Minister advised that he would consider introducing emergency powers to deal with future pollution crises, including restricting the use of vehicles, because of the extremely high ozone pollution level last week in Toronto.

I raise this as a national concern because as Canadians from coast to coast visit their national showcase—our capital—the City of Ottawa should consider the example of the capital city of Turkey, Ankara, which, in an effort to reduce vehicle pollution, provides free bus transportation during the morning and evening rush hours. Ottawa appears to have reversed this approach by doubling its fares during the same period.

I believe that the capital city could show real leadership and concern for the health of Canadians by following the Turkish example.

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PARLIAMENT

TRIBUTE TO RETIRED LIBRARY EMPLOYEE

Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—Port au Port—St. Barbe): Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of all Members of Parliament on all sides of the House to pay tribute to Peggy Moxon, a 20-year veteran employee of the House of Commons, who retired several weeks ago. She was an employee in the Confederation Branch of the Library of Parliament.

As Members on all sides can attribute, she was unfailingly courteous, helpful, gave a great deal of advice, and did a great deal of research on behalf of all Members and served this House, and therefore through the House the people of Canada,

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well. She has left the employment of the Parliament of Canada but I know that all Members would want to join me and indeed, Sir, join you, in congratulating her upon her retirement, wishing her the very best in the years ahead, and giving her our sincere thanks for a job well done.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

PROPOSED ACQUISITION OF NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, "each nuclear powered submarine can do the work of three destroyers or three conventionally propelled submarines . . . They can be completed on time and within the Government's \$8 billion budget."

This ringing endorsement of the Conservative Government's naval procurement policy comes from none other than the Hon. J. J. Blais, former Liberal Minister of National Defence.

It is refreshing to see that at least one Liberal is capable of seeing the obvious, and we wish him every success in his battle to see that common sense prevails over the mindless opposition of his former colleagues in the Liberal Party.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

NISHNAWBE-ASKI NATION HEALTH SERVICES

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, the Nishnawbe-Aski Nation of northern Ontario has expressed concern over the way in which its submissions to the Medical Services Branch of the Department of National Health and Welfare for health programs are being treated. Its submission of this year of \$875,000 has been approved only in the amount of \$240,000. No new programs have been authorized, and all existing programs have been flat-lined.

However, when it comes to Medical Services Branch approving contracts from other health care providers it seems that a different regime prevails.

The Nishnawbe-Aski people state that they are incensed that there have been no consultations with the people who actually consume the health care services provided, that there has been no serious attempt to address the concerns and needs raised by this First Nation organization, and finally that large increases are going to other contractor organizations while submissions from the First Nations themselves are treated in this very stringent fashion.