

obtained. After the soldiers defending the presidential palace surrendered their arms to the invaders, the latter slaughtered them like sheep and mutilated their bodies. Then the Syrian army initiated a massacre of those in the vicinity.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, on many occasions in this House I have condemned the foreign armies on Lebanese soil, in a Lebanon that was one of the signatories to the United Nations Charter in 1945. We have asked the international community, in every way possible, to oblige both foreign armies to leave Lebanese territory.

Mr. Speaker, what does it take to persuade all Canadians to put pressure on the Canadian government to persuade the UN Security Council to end the massacre of a people?

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[English]

#### SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

**Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre):** Mr. Speaker, Small Business Week 1990 is an opportunity for all of us to focus on the importance of small business to the economies of our communities and to the economy of Canada.

This government's policies have been designed to stimulate entrepreneurial spirit, but we must do more to enable Canadian firms to effectively compete domestically against foreign companies which can now easily access the Canadian market and to also be able to go head-to-head in the international marketplace.

Ensuring that our youth have the training and the skills required to meet the demand for a skilled workforce will go a long way in meeting the needs of the manufacturing industry. A young, skilled, innovative workforce will allow greater emphasis on productivity, which is the key to both increased export success and to improving the supply potential of the economy.

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#### GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, the recent movie, *Sex, Lies and Videotapes* was obviously a personal hit with the Minister of Finance for he has now produced and directed his own version.

Three hundred thousand dollars of taxpayers' money has been used to finance this propaganda video. We will have to await the "R" rating but we can certainly predict some of the lies. The minister's video will say the GST is a visible tax. But it is not. It will say the GST will be revenue neutral. It will not be. The video will say it does not apply to food; in part, it does. The minister's video production will say it will benefit Canadians. It will not. It will say the GST will help small business. Untrue. The video will say the GST will reduce our debt. It will not.

The Minister of Finance's version of *Sex, Lies and Videotapes* will fail to be a box office success. But the minister may wish to submit this spoof of reality to *America's Funniest Home Videos*.

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#### EXTRADITION ACT

**Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer):** Mr. Speaker, tens of thousands of Canadians have demanded changes to the Extradition Act. Frankly, I am embarrassed that we have such a prolonged procedure, one that allows foreign fugitives to languish in Canadian custody at Canadian expense rather than face justice in their own country.

The hon. member for Peterborough presented a bill to this House on Tuesday that would reduce the extradition proceedings by up to one and a half years. The Official Opposition and the government had agreed to expedite the bill and move it to committee for action.

We had the opportunity to vote with all-party agreement. For purely partisan reasons, the New Democrats refused to agree and have delayed that vote. We had the means to improve the Extradition Act but the New Democratic Party delayed these improvements. The Canadian public has demanded them and we are going to see this act improved in spite of the NDP.