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Eight years later, the legacy of the Tory national shipbuilding policy is clear. A commitment to build a Polar 8 ice-breaker at Versatile Pacific broken. A commitment to build submarines in either Quebec or New Brunswick broken. MIL bailouts and closures round out this government's so-called national shipbuilding policy.

Shipbuilders in the Atlantic region demand that this government stand up and enact a comprehensive series of policies to ensure that its industry is competitive. Increase the tax on vessels constructed offshore. Extend support to the smaller ship repair facilities such as the Dartmouth marine slips. Establish Canada as a leader in cold water shipbuilding technology and create an investment climate so that we can rid ourselves of the 90 per cent rate of offshore vessel construction.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the government to act now.

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PROSPERITY

Mr. Jean-Pierre Hogue (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, the announcement made two days ago in this House by the Minister of Employment and Immigration and the Minister of Industry, Science and Technology and Minister for International Trade puts us squarely in the present-day reality and the third millennium, which we will enter in a few years.

The Province of Quebec has no reason to think that there is any intrusion at all in any field whatsoever. Setting standards of excellence and pursuing them can ultimately only help the provinces and the whole country meet the new challenges well.

Furthermore, in many fields of art and science, such criteria exist and institutions, like individuals, are only better for it. Economists such as Professor Porter in his study have given us the same message.

Canada's prosperity, Mr. Speaker, depends on adequate knowledge and well-managed human resources. Seeking improved productivity is not a visionary approach but a necessary consequence of our society's evolution.

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YUGOSLAVIA

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, I rise today in response to the continuing crisis in Croatia. The continued aggression of the federal army is totally unacceptable. Thousands of people in Croatia continue to live in miserable conditions without decent food or clean water. Thousands have been wounded and killed and many others are living in fear for their lives.

Humanitarian aid must be allowed through immediately without further interference. Wanton damage is being perpetrated against internationally recognized sites of Croatian culture such as the city of Dubrovnik.

The federal army must stop this aggression at once and withdraw from Croatia immediately. Many people in my community and others with families in Croatia are currently raising money for humanitarian aid. These people feel helpless and frustrated at the continuing violence in the area.

The federal government can alleviate this frustration and anxiety by establishing a 1-800 information hot line on the Croatian conflict. Canadians have a right to know what is happening to their loved ones. I call upon the government to establish this service immediately.

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INTEREST RATES

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Mr. Speaker, *The Globe and Mail* today devoted space to attacking me for raising the issue of credit card interest rates in Parliament. Taking the side of the banks, the newspaper continued its familiar attempts to discredit me.

This is fine but *Globe* readers should remember that this is little more than continuing an old newspaper war against a former rival business journalist. Worse, the *Globe* is both selective in its coverage and wrong in its facts. Why is it supporting credit card rates of almost 20 per cent, when the prime is 8.5 per cent? Why does it not run the story saying that the Consumers Association of Canada welcomes an inquiry into these rates? Why does the *Globe* say today that I supported price controls