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Therefore, Mr. Speaker, we welcome the call for the Royal Commission and urge the Government to take the only responsible route open to it today—acknowledge that problems exist within the Post Office and, indeed, that operations there are not perfect, and agree to this reasonable request made today by the president of CUPW.

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POLITICAL PARTIES**NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY—FUND RAISING IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey—White Rock): Mr. Speaker, several years ago the New Democrats of Ontario were caught laundering money on behalf of civic politicians in the city of Toronto. They got their knuckles rapped, but that did not stop the operation. They simply moved it to British Columbia.

In a fund raising letter, the Mayor of Surrey says:

To help please mail a cheque to the Surrey Civic Electors, 7222 King George Highway, Surrey, B.C.

P.S. Remember this donation is tax receiptable if made out to the NDP and you get a tax credit of 75 per cent for the 1st \$100—donated per year, 50 per cent for the next \$400—donated per year.

I would call on the Minister of National Revenue, Mr. Speaker, to do a complete audit of the books of the New Democratic Party in B.C. to see to what extent the Canadian people have been robbed of their money.

If they are not going to be ethical they should at least be legal.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION**CALL FOR APPOINTMENT OF ROYAL COMMISSION**

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, early this morning the Canadian Union of Postal Workers made a formal request to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to institute a Royal Commission of Inquiry into the management practices, accessibility, quality and level of service offered by the Canada Post Corporation.

Mr. Speaker, there have been no fewer than three suicides this year of Canada Post employees. There are 52,000 grievances of employees right now and the level of service has been deteriorating steadily.

On behalf of my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, I want to urge the Minister to initiate this Royal Commission of Inquiry at the earliest opportunity. There is no doubt that the grieving employees are not always right, Mr. Speaker, but they cannot be always wrong either, and the Government should do something to improve the level of service and the working conditions at Canada Post.

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SPORTS**WORLD JUNIOR WOMEN'S CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP WON BY FUNK RINK**

Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert): Mr. Speaker, on Easter Sunday four young women from Spruce Grove, Alberta, became the toast of the curling world.

The Funk Rink, coached by Carole Larsen, with Laurelle Fund, lead, and Cindy Larsen, second, and Sandy Symyrozum, third, and Ladawn Funk, skip, won the World Junior Women's Curling Championship.

With superior skill they successfully met and beat the top competitors from around the globe. These young women are to be admired for their sportsmanship, their determination, their grace under pressure. Certainly, they set an example for young people everywhere.

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Mr. Speaker, I am sure I speak for all Canadians and for my colleagues in the House when I offer these young women our heartiest congratulations as World Curling Champs.

Three cheers for the funky foursome from Spruce Grove, Alberta!

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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TRADE**SYDNEY STEEL CORPORATION—COUNTERVAIL DUTY**

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, on February 23, 1989 the U. S. Department of Commerce levied a countervail against Sydney Steel Corporation. They did this to the extent of 103.55 per cent, basing their decision, their preliminary decision, on all the government assistance that Sysco had received. They did this, believing that in the Canada-U.S. trade agreement, a subsidy included regional development. On that list of subsidies and on that list of regional development programs they included economic regional development agreements and general development agreements, the backbone of the regional development