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its inclusion in NAFTA. These negotiations get underway next week in Toronto.

We find it unfortunate that the American Congress appears to have made the elimination of the side agreements on occupational environment a prior condition to the adoption of fast track legislation.

The Government of Canada should make it very clear that Canada insists on the side agreements on occupational environment being an integral part of the negotiations with Chile. The people and the workers in the NAFTA member countries should enjoy reasonable working and environmental conditions.

The Bloc Quebecois supports Chile's inclusion in NAFTA and will monitor these negotiations with interest.

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[English]

LIBERAL RED BOOK

Mr. Herb Grubel (Capilano—Howe Sound, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, have you noticed that the Liberals are no longer waving the little red book in defending their policies? There is a good reason. We did some research. At least four of the promises in the little red book have been broken already and we are only halfway through the mandate of this Parliament.

If props were allowed in this House, Reformers would be waving the red book as a symbol of broken promises, of a callous lack of integrity of a government that campaigned on being different.

Were the Liberals incompetent or just power hungry when they made promises Reformers always knew could not be kept, to replace the GST, raise immigration to 300,000, and many others soon to be paraded in front of this House?

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[Translation]

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Nick Discepola (Vaudreuil, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, in response to the needs of the small and medium sized businesses, the Federal Office of Regional Development—Quebec will shortly implement a new concept of strategic intervention with a focus on innovation, market development and entrepreneurship.

The FORD-Q will continue to promote the interests of all of the regions of Quebec with strong and efficient measures. The driving force behind small and medium sized businesses will become the pivotal point in the realization of the economic potential of each of Quebec's regions.

The FORD-Q will add a whole new dimension to its role by joining in community projects and providing strategic advice and assistance. In this context, its presence will be felt more than ever before in the very heart of the regions.

This is what we on this side of the House call an excellent example of the government's desire to promote economic growth. This is government at its finest.

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[English]

GUN CONTROL

Ms. Paddy Torsney (Burlington, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, this morning the YWCA, the National Association of Women and the Law, the Canadian Federation of University Women and the Action Advocacy Department of B'nai Brith Canada reinforced their support for this government's efforts to increase safety for all Canadians.

Gun control is one measure to help address the issue of violence against women. In homes where violence occurs, if guns are present they become part of the abusive use of power, control and intimidation whether implicitly or explicitly. In almost half of domestic homicides, guns are the weapons of choice for men who kill their spouses.

Domestic homicides are not random acts of violence and the guns used are not smuggled or illegally owned. The registration system will permit police to issue and enforce a prohibition order to obtain these potentially dangerous weapons and to prevent these deadly situations.

These four groups know that Bill C-68 will not eliminate violence against women, but it will save some of their lives. I support their work and their position.

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ONTARIO PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE LEADER

Mr. Pat O'Brien (London—Middlesex, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, just a few months ago the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party in Ontario stood on the steps of the legislature and encouraged a Toronto area woman to quit her well paying job and go on welfare. Talk about the ultimate flip-flop artist who is now proposing workfare for welfare recipients. Is he forgetting that the ones who will suffer the most will be little children?

Perhaps he should look more toward the Liberal plan which outlines welfare reform initiatives designed to encourage and help people obtain permanent employment.

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Furthermore, the Conservative leader's plan is based on a fairy tale 30 per cent tax cut which will take \$750 million out of