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composed of 22 economic, political and environmental experts from 21 countries, including two Canadians, Maurice Strong and James MacNeill. You will be glad to know, Mr. Speaker, that today the commission presented its report in London.

The report entitled *Our Common Future* calls on national Governments to co-operate in managing the global environment, in ensuring that natural resources sustain development at home and abroad, and in taking all the necessary steps to integrate economic with environmental decisions since the economy depends on the environment.

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The report says that we can have a new era of economic growth, particularly in poor countries, and sustainable forms of development around the world. These forms must include life-styles "within the planet's ecological means". Therefore, some painful choices will be required.

One important conclusion in the report is that "security must be secured through change". We call on the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) to provide leadership within the federal Government and at the United Nations, and to set into motion the institutional changes which will ensure security for present and future generations, our common future.

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LAW REFORM COMMISSION**WORK ON UPDATING CRIMINAL CODE**

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, the things that are working well seldom receive much attention in the House of Commons.

This is certainly the case with the Law Reform Commission of Canada, established with all-Party consent in 1971, and currently presided over by Mr. Justice Allen Linden.

The goal of the commission is to promote laws which are modern, principled, rational, comprehensive, egalitarian and readily intelligible. Through various reports to Parliament and working papers, the commission provides invaluable advice to both federal and provincial legislators.

One of the commission's principal aims is, through its Substantive Criminal Law Project, to give Canada a new up-to-date Criminal Code.

We understand that, after 15 years of study, the first draft has now been completed and we look forward to the final results of this work.

TAX REFORM**NEED FOR FAIRNESS IN SYSTEM**

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, my office and those of my colleagues in the New Democratic Party have recently been receiving letters and calls from constituents living on very modest incomes, who are finding to their shock that their taxes have increased dramatically. One such retired couple living in Halifax saw their taxes double from \$300 to \$600 in one year.

These Canadians are very angry. They have heard a lot of talk about tax reform on radio, television, and in newspapers. Yet, now these people are finding out that they have to pay hundreds of dollars more in taxes, and it is hundreds of dollars that they just do not have.

It is time the Government stopped talking about tax fairness and began doing something about bringing fairness to the tax system for these and other Canadians.

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EDUCATION WEEK**IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM**

Mr. Bill Tupper (Nepean—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, this is Education Week in Canada. Its purpose is to focus public attention on the excitement, energy and creativity in our school systems. The theme of the week is "Come Learn With Me".

I had the privilege in the past few days to be present at the sod-turning of a new public school in Nepean-Carleton, at the opening of a new separate school, and this morning to meet with the education leaders in my community. These experiences reminded me of the quality and the importance of our educational system.

Our schools are more than buildings. They are places where young people develop intellectually and spiritually, where a foundation is laid for them to take a place in the economic and social fabric of this nation.

Our educational system is one of the best in the world. I ask each of us in the House this afternoon to take a moment this week to visit a school, or think about our educational system and to think of ways in which we can make it better. Our young people, many of them in our Gallery today, are our greatest national asset.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS**NEED TO REPAIR SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURES**

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, from coast to coast Canadian cities are facing a crisis as road, sewer and