

these dedicated volunteers are important elements of a strong and caring community.

I invite all Canadians to recognize the work and dedication of health auxiliaries as well as their enormous contribution which makes our Canadian health care system unequalled anywhere in the world.

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#### NATIONAL REVENUE

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard):** Mr. Speaker, two days ago I received a copy of a letter an individual with a Ph.D. sent to Revenue Canada. He says:

It is with regret that due to my financial and employment situation it is impossible to send an additional \$3,427 in income taxes over the \$18,205 already paid. There is simply no money left. I am still unemployed. I am struggling from day to day to keep a roof over my family.

It is unfair that severance income paid to laid off workers is fully taxed upon receipt. Why can the government not allow taxes on severance income to be paid over a period of time rather than all at once?

[Translation]

Workers who lose their jobs because of difficult economic times have enough trouble as it is, and I think it is unfair and unrealistic to burden them with huge taxes. After all, they need the money, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

#### NATIONAL TOURISM AWARENESS WEEK

**Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre):** Mr. Speaker, this week is National Tourism Awareness Week. It offers Canadian the opportunity to recognize the tremendous contribution made by the 600,000 individuals who are employed in our tourism industry.

Last year the industry contributed \$26 billion to the Canadians economy. Our tourism industry however has another vital role to play that goes beyond economics. Never before has it been so important as in our time of constitutional renewal for Canadians to visit and get to know other parts of our country. It is after all only in reaching out that we will be brought closer together.

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I myself had the opportunity to visit Yukon recently, and the beauty of that region is something I will not soon forget.

This week let us recognize the talented individuals who bring Canada to the world and who help reveal to Canadians what foreign visitors are discovering time and time again, that Canada is a nation to be treasured.

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#### PAY EQUITY

**Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg—St. James):** Mr. Speaker, women in the Public Service are looking for a fair pay equity settlement.

If the government clings to its current policy, women in the Public Service will not get what they deserve and what rightly belongs to them. Pay equity has been the law of the land since 1978. It was reinforced by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms in 1982. Despite the law, about 80,000 women in the Public Service are out hundreds of millions of dollars in back pay and have been forced to take legal action.

Worse still, this government says it will not honour any decision by the Human Rights Commission in support of the case brought forward on behalf of women in the Public Service.

That is a shameful attack on human rights. I urge the government to abandon its insane policy, give leadership, treat its employees properly, meet its obligations as the law demands and, above all, be fair and just.

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#### NATIONAL ROAD SAFETY WEEK

**Mr. Lee Richardson (Calgary Southeast):** Mr. Speaker, next week, May 17 to 23, is the Canada Safety Council's second annual National Road Safety Week.

Each year motor vehicle collisions claim the lives of approximately 4,000 Canadians and result in injuries to over 250,000 Canadians.

The Canada Safety Council and Transport Canada have made significant progress in improving road safety in recent years. For instance, the national rate of seat-belt use increased 85 per cent last year and road fatalities were at a 28-year low in 1990.