

on top of the San Andreas fault of assessment legislation. Without stronger initiatives for the assessment process, the inadequate green plan is meaningless.

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#### CANADA'S GREEN PLAN

**Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert):** Mr. Speaker, Canada's Green Plan was born out of a process of public consultation which began in March 1990. Canadians participated in information sessions in 41 cities and towns across the country. Recommendations were made by many representatives of the provinces and territories, municipalities, industry, unions, environmental groups, youth, natives, academics and religious organizations. In all, this process allowed for 10,000 people to present their views to government.

Canada's Green Plan is a strong response to the views and concerns of Canadians. It effectively adopts some 80 per cent of more than 500 recommendations that emerged from the national consultative session held in Ottawa in August.

The plan encourages participation of all Canadians. Canada's Green Plan will ensure a healthy environment for ourselves, our nation and our planet.

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#### GREEN PLAN

**Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, the Green Plan will bear fruit. This is what we can expect in the months to come.

We should see tremendous progress in cleaning up our air, waterways and soil.

We should be able to reduce waste production very substantially and be far more careful in how we use our sources of energy.

There should be a definite improvement in the protection of wildlife and national parks. There should be better protection for the fragile environment of our northern regions.

In their development plans, companies will have to consider the impact their activities will have on the environment, just as today they would consider the cost of capital investment, manpower and equipment.

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We are convinced that, on the basis of the criteria I just mentioned, the Green Plan will be very successful. Mr. Speaker, this is an action plan that will produce results, which will be a genuine test of our Canadian Green Plan.

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#### BEAUSÉJOUR AND YORK NORTH BY-ELECTIONS

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, Jean Chrétien is back!

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Marchi:** Back in the House of Commons which has been home to him for many a year.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Marchi:** Yesterday's overwhelming victories were confirmation of Mr. Chrétien's vision for a proud, independent, and above all, united Canada.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**An hon. member:** Bravo.

**Mr. Marchi:** His campaign was a campaign for Canada and a call for Canadians to still believe in themselves and in their country—

**Some hon. members:** Call the election.

**Mr. Marchi:** —despite the cynicism and despair they hold for their national Tory government.

Yesterday's winners were Jean Chrétien, Maurizio Bevilacqua, and the Liberal Party of Canada.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Marchi:** By contrast, the loser was the Prime Minister of Canada who, as Leader of the Conservative Party, did not even have the courage to field a candidate in Beauséjour, and whose candidate in York North roughly equalled the same 7 per cent level of his GST.

Canadians spoke last night loud and clear. On behalf of the Liberal Parliamentary caucus, I welcome our two new Liberal members of Parliament, made in Canada for Canadians.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.