

548,133 abortions in Canada. What a grizzly compendium! Half a million babies were murdered in the womb.

What did we do with these babies that were aborted? They had no burial; instead, their cut-up bodies were treated as medical waste and incinerated with hospital garbage. Doesn't that make you sick?

I have no evidence that this is going on in Canada, but in some countries fetuses are commercialized and sold to manufacturers. At the Swiss-French border in 1983, guards intercepted a truck loaded with frozen human fetuses destined for a cosmetic factory. U.S. hospital authorities revealed that they had collected \$68,000 from commercial firms for organs of aborted and dead premature babies.

Canada does not keep statistics on the number of aborted babies born alive. Sometimes something goes wrong in the abortion process and a baby is born alive. In the U.S., some of these babies have lived while others were left to die. In fact charges have been laid against people who stood by and did nothing to save the life of a live aborted child.

We seem to have rights for everyone except the unborn. It is high time that we recognized, by legislation, the rights of the unborn; their right to live!

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VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

TORONTO POLICE FORCE'S AID TO COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN ISLANDS

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North): Mr. Speaker, last October I was contacted by the Metropolitan Toronto Police Force which requested my assistance in securing transportation for surplus goods it had collected and was donating to communities in various Commonwealth Caribbean islands, particularly Jamaica and Grenada. This program, initiated by the Commonwealth Caribbean Committee operates without a budget and solely on the volunteer time donated by concerned individuals.

On behalf of the Commonwealth Caribbean Committee, I wish to extend my thanks to the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Nielsen) for agreeing to provide cargo space aboard Armed Forces Hercules for hospital equipment and educational material destined for the islands. In a letter to me, the Toronto Police Force said of this assistance:

This program is important to needy communities and children in these Commonwealth Caribbean islands. It also shows them that Canada is a nation that cares about others less fortunate than we are.

Not only does the Government care about the underdeveloped areas of the Caribbean, it is backing this up with action, action that will directly benefit those who are most in need. This is a Government with a heart.

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[Translation]

INSURANCE

NATIONAL SKI TEAM—COST OF LIABILITY COVERAGE— GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard-Anjou): Mr. Speaker, we hear that the cost of liability insurance for our national ski team has increased by 420 per cent, so that the association will have to spend \$150,000 more than it was expecting to pay this year.

We wonder whether the Conservative Government was serious when it announced last week it would help our Canadian skiers. The result is so disastrous that the Canadian Ski Association is not sure it is going to take out this insurance, owing to a lack of funds. Is the Conservative Government going to act responsibly and pay the difference of \$150,000, and thus make it possible for our athletes to take part in international competitions? The Conservative Government is actually letting the insurance companies hold our athletes to ransom.

This morning, Mr. Speaker, we heard that—

[English]

Soaring insurance costs may force parachute worlds to move from B.C. in '87.

How can the Government allow this to happen?

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INCOME TAX ACT

CALL FOR SIMPLIFICATION

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Today's Income Tax Act can only be described as a compilation of incomprehensible mumbo-jumbo. Why has something which is relatively simple in concept grown to be such a monster? The answer lies in the Liberal-NDP approach to taxation which has prevailed over so many years. The socialists have looked upon income tax as primarily a means of redistributing income from the productive to the non-productive sectors of society. During their tenure in office, successive Liberal Governments, egged on by their friends in the New Democratic Party, added layer upon layer of obfuscation and incomprehensibility.

The time has come to make a real effort to simplify and render understandable our tax legislation. The basic idea behind taxation must be to raise, in as painless and equitable a way as possible, only those moneys required for necessary public purposes.

We must strip away the yellowed layers of socialist varnish to reveal a fair, honest, equitable, and understandable tax system.