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The present government is committed to supporting the groups, persons infected with the HIV virus or suffering from AIDS and their caregivers and to forming partnerships. By having them participate in the definition of goals and in the initiatives of the National AIDS Strategy, we recognize their invaluable contribution as allies in our relentless efforts to eradicate this disease in Canada.

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## OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING

**Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville):** Madam Speaker, the business people of Saint-Laurent now have access to a new service which will save them time and money, a one-stop information centre on made-to-measure manpower training.

[English]

*Partners in Training* enables businesses in Saint-Laurent to access various governmental and academic institutions by simply calling a single number.

• (1110)

The one-stop information centre was initiated by the city of Saint-Laurent, our CEGEPs and adult training in order to provide better services to our community.

[Translation]

I want to congratulate the city of Saint-Laurent for this initiative. The one-stop information center will be a major asset for the business community in Saint-Laurent in terms of manpower training.

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[English]

## CANADIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM

**Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West):** Madam Speaker, this fall the Minister for Science launched the Canadian Scholars Program for the current academic year at Dalhousie University in Halifax. The program provides financial support and encouragement to 3,200 new Canadian scholars who will join over 4,000 young Canadians

now pursuing studies in engineering and science at Canadian universities.

The Canadian Scholars Program recognizes the need to promote excellence in engineering and science in order to advance our society in this new age of technology.

I am sure all members will record their congratulations to the new and continuing Canadian scholars whose dedication to excellence will allow Canada to develop and prosper now and in the next century.

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## REFORM PARTY

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill):** Madam Speaker, the Reform Party is out of touch with northern and rural Canadians. On Wednesday Reform Party Leader Preston Manning said that he would eliminate the northern tax benefit.

Anyone who is familiar with the north will know that residents of this region of Canada fought long and hard to receive a tax benefit that would recognize the increased costs and hardships of living in Canada's north. The northern tax benefit is not only necessary, it is fair.

The Reform Party talks about listening to the grass roots. If Preston Manning knew he would realize that hundreds of northern communities presented petitions, went to meetings to explain why they needed a northern tax benefit. The Reform Party is not listening to Canadians. It is going to throw rural Canadians to the wolves. It is going to throw northern Canadians out to the high cost of living with no recognition by this government.

While it panders large corporations and the wealthy, the Reform Party through promising to support freer trade and less domestic subsidization in agriculture ignores the needs of Canadians.

The Reform Party is trying hard to pass itself off as a party—

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I regret to interrupt the hon. member but his allotted time has expired.