

The conference did not solve all disputes but problems and concerns were addressed, not avoided.

All those who planned and participated deserve to be commended. Their example of working together in open dialogue should be followed as we attempt to solve the constitutional issues that this nation faces.

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HALTON—PEEL SURVEY

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Madam Speaker, I would like to share with the House some of the excellent comments and advice my constituents are giving me.

James Fisher of Burlington writes:

If you do nothing else before the next election, continue to hold firm on costs, the GST, et cetera and bring the deficit down. If you can do that your party will gain credibility (and votes?). Remember your own survey showed the federal debt is a main concern of your constituents.

R. A. Law of Glen Williams writes:

Don't give in to people who can't take the austerity measures you are using. We must keep our deficit down.

Eliminate duplication of government levels which are everywhere.

Donna and Mark Bowman of Bolton write:

The Quebec issue must be cleared up with Quebec staying in a new "fighting trim" Canada. It has been necessary to trim the fat and lower expectations if we are to survive in the world marketplace. Inflation had to be brought under control. Our federal deficit is a continuing worry as is the status of our political leaders in the minds of Canadians.

Finally, Graham Duff of Cheltenham writes:

We have to reduce government spending, government involvement and the civil service.

Madam Deputy Speaker: The hon. member's time has expired.

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TURKEY

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, on Friday Canadians learned of a devastating natural disaster, an earthquake in Turkey, which was followed on Sunday by a second with the possibility of a third yet to come.

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I am certain I speak for everyone in this House in expressing sympathy to the people of Turkey and to their families here in Canada.

As well, I appreciate that the Minister of External Relations and International Development swiftly routed \$350,000 from CIDA to the emergency relief fund.

Canadians have always demonstrated a generosity of spirit toward those in need after natural disasters. There is an immediate and desperate need for medicine, doctors, tents, warm clothing and rescue crews to dig for survivors. In the longer term there will be a need for housing, hospitals, food, and medicine.

Through either the various local Turkish earthquake relief funds or through the Red Cross, I urge Canadians to supplement the government aid, which is only a fraction of what will be needed for recovery from this massive devastation.

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REFORM PARTY OF CANADA

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): Madam Speaker, Canadians must be made aware of the Reform Party's doublespeak. The Reform Party of Canada put up billboards across Canada advertising that the Reform Party will run its election campaign how Canada should be run, debt free.

Now the Reform Party is encouraging members to buy life insurance, name the Reform Party as the beneficiary, and then transfer the ownership of the plan to the party. The member forks over the funds to the Reform Party for the policy's upkeep which secures themselves a tax deductible receipt for a donation to a political party. In addition the Reform Party then borrows against the policies to fund its federal election campaign.

How will this massive program of massive borrowing be debt-free for their party? There are contradictions here that Canadians must know. The Reform Party said it will run its election debt-free and then it puts into place this policy so that it can borrow large sums of money to run its campaign.

Preston Manning has spoken out—