

have participated in the 1990 Brier should go our recognition and appreciation for such an important contribution to Canada's way of life.

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[Translation]

GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, on March 12, the Liberal Party set up a telephone line for Canadians to express their views about the GST. Since then, more than 50,000 Canadians have spoken out against this new tax.

[English]

We hope that many more Canadians will call before Sunday night to voice their opposition to this unfair tax by calling 1-900-720-6051 or 1-900-720-6052.

[Translation]

—in English or in French, 1-900-720-6051 or 1-900-720-6052.

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[English]

TIEM CANADA

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, this government prides itself in its business acumen. This government makes much of its ability to manage and manage it has.

The government has managed to blow \$17 million over three years on TIEM Canada through innovations programs and a program to assist small business. The government, after its original interest-free loan of \$12 million, was to pay TIEM Canada \$14,000 for every entrepreneur TIEM had as a client and \$14,000 for every job TIEM created. TIEM Canada claimed 1,000 jobs were created. Its entrepreneur clients said "Not so". Some said that they were told to lie.

Last spring the government woke up and amended its contract with the now non-existent TIEM Canada. Auditors believe TIEM Canada owes the government \$12 million.

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That \$12 million would have gone a long way in this year's budget. It would have almost covered the \$1.6

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million cuts to women's programs, \$8 million cuts to native programs, \$8.6 million cuts to veteran's board and lodging.

The government claims to be investigating, but I wonder how many other management disasters this government has hidden away and where they have hidden them, and if there will be a formal audit of TIEM Canada.

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[Translation]

THE FRENCH FACT

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, March 14, 1990, the Quebec Minister of Education, Postsecondary Education and Science, Mr. Claude Ryan, said: "If these manifestations of hostility to the French fact were to continue and increase, if they were to be seen as a true reflection of the attitudes of the majority of English-speaking Canadians, we would certainly have to take a very serious look at our place in this country".

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LINGUISTIC DUALITY

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the issue of linguistic duality and the Canadian government's emphasis on this fact, as demonstrated by the Secretary of State in his letter of February 7 to Mr. David Peterson. The present government has repeatedly demonstrated its firm and unequivocal commitment to this important dimension of our national reality.

Whether it was passing the new Official Languages Act, proposing the Meech Lake Accord in its present form, or signing agreements with the ten provinces and the two territories on minority language education and second official language teaching, the Conservative Government has demonstrated, in no uncertain terms, its commitment to the rights of official language minorities, wherever they happen to be in this country. A great deal has been done in this respect in recent years. Our government's commitment testifies to and confirms our appreciation of this country's linguistic duality.