

Government to tell the House just what safeguards for individuals it is considering.

Many responsible organizations such as the Canadian Civil Liberties Group and many trade unions oppose mandatory drug testing for employees. There are many reasons to oppose drug testing, and among them are the reliability of the test and whether or not a person's private lifestyle is a concern of an employer unless it impairs the person's ability to carry out the job.

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MINES AND MINING

VALUE OF CANADIAN MINERAL PRODUCTION

Mr. Bill Tupper (Nepean—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, Canada is the third largest mineral producing country in the world. Each year it produces some \$15 billion of mineral products. That production comes from some 280 mines in 65 communities across the country. The industry creates some 400,000 jobs, and 80 per cent of our mineral production in Canada is exported.

Furthermore, last year the industry raised about 70 per cent of its funding for exploration through the flow-through share arrangement, a program that the Government has enhanced.

The Canadian mining industry and all Canadians are asking if the Liberal Party and New Democratic Party are abandoning the mining industry in Canada. They voted in the House against free trade with the United States, and many New Democrats are not supportive of our flow-through share program for financing the mining industry. Are these Parties abandoning such communities as Bathurst, Murdochville, Val d'Or, Sudbury, Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Esterhazy, and Mayo in Yukon Territory? My Party and the Government are not. We want to build the mining industry into a world-class industry and keep it there. That is the objective of our Party.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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VISIBLE MINORITIES

ANNIVERSARY OF BREAKING OF RACIAL BARRIER IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, it was 40 years ago today that the legendary Jackie Robinson became the first black player to play major league baseball, thus breaking a racial barrier dating back to the birth of baseball in the mid-1800s. This event influenced the beginning of a movement against racial segregation and the oppression of civil rights which eventually culminated in the great success story of Doctor Martin Luther King.

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Canada's multicultural society remembers and cherishes the efforts of a pioneer like Jackie Robinson, and today on the fortieth anniversary of his symbolic first game it would be fitting for all members and all Canadians to recognize and pay tribute to this human rights champion.

He proved that courage and perseverance will bring down all barriers to change. It is my hope that we, as a Parliament, apply the same conviction to the parliamentary reports "Equality Now" and "Equality For All", so that all Canadians, from all regions of the country, can be full and equal partners and enjoy the rewards and opportunities that Canada has to offer to one and all.

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DISASTERS

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, Sunday, April 26, 1987, will mark the first anniversary of one of the most tragic and frightening events in modern history, that of the Chernobyl nuclear accident in the Soviet Ukraine.

Literally tens of thousands of Ukrainian citizens will suffer from the after effects of the tragedy, with an estimated 6,500 cancer deaths over the next 50 years in 11 regions of the Soviet Union affected by the fallout.

Studies by the International Atomic Energy Agency have stated that between 5,000 and 150,000 extra cases of cancer will occur around the world during the next half century as a result of the Chernobyl accident.

Women who were pregnant and lived near the nuclear plant will have a 50 per cent greater chance of giving birth to mentally disabled children.

Nuclear energy and nuclear reactors are part of our lives, but they must be made safe for the future. For the sake of our children and for our future generations, it is imperative that we remember and learn from this senseless and careless tragedy.

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DISASTERS

FATAL ACCIDENT AT LEVACK MINE

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, today we are saddened by the deaths of four Inco miners who were killed yesterday in a tragic accident at Levack mine in the Nickel Belt.

These workers are Rene Bedard, 41, married with three children; Wilbrod Gauvin, 43, married with three children;