

*S. O. 21***ABORTION**

## SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, one of the most misleading statements by pro-abortion activists is: "Before abortion on demand there were 30,000 or 40,000 women dying every year as a result of botched-up back alley abortions".

This false statement is intended to create an unjustified fear by suggesting that only abortion on demand could prevent such tragedies. There may have been an occasional death, but 30,000 or 40,000 is false and without any valid statistical foundation.

Before we vote on this matter let us be sure to separate the facts from the fiction. Surely the only scientifically honest new law that can be passed is one that recognizes the truth of the existence of a new human person from the moment of conception, and then proceed to protect that person from those who would seek to destroy him or her. Let us recognize the sanctity of human life.

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**NATIONAL DEFENCE**

## NUCLEAR POWERED SUBMARINES—OPINION POLL

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill):** Mr. Speaker, the flagship of the Conservative White Paper on Defence, a plan to buy 10 to 12 nuclear powered attack submarines at a cost of at least \$8 billion, is sinking fast.

A broad range of defence analysts and Maritime experts have questioned the wisdom of such a plan, especially given that the budget of \$8 billion to be provided by the federal Government may actually be only half of what will need to be spent by the time the cost of construction in Canada and the total costs of an extensive training, servicing, and environmental monitoring infrastructure are added.

Now a new poll published by the Canadian Centre for Arms Control and Disarmament shows that 59 per cent of the Canadian public disapprove of spending even \$8 billion to procure these militarily destabilizing and environmentally dangerous submarines. Even half of those who identified themselves as Tories are against these submarines.

A spokesman for one of the firms in the race for the contract dismisses preoccupations with cost, wanting to stick instead to what he calls simpler premises.

Canadians are concerned with the outrageous price tag attached to this program, especially since the Government itself has admitted that it has no accurate figures. The real cost of this program can go nowhere but up as consensus for nuclear powered submarines sinks lower and lower.

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**EQUITY IN EMPLOYMENT**

## TROPHY AWARDED TO GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

**Mrs. Gabrielle Bertrand (Brome—Missisquoi):** Mr. Speaker, the Conservative Government made a promise to Canadian men and women concerning employment equity, and it is taking steps to live up to this commitment.

Our Government has been urging industrialists and employers to support and promote employment equity. With that in mind, every year the Department of Employment and Immigration gives an award and a trophy to the firm which pays particular attention to equity in non-traditional jobs.

During the recent Salon de la femme at the Montreal Vélodrome, a company with a plant at Bromont in my riding of Brome—Missisquoi, Canadian General Electric, was awarded the "Equal Opportunity" trophy.

Mr. Speaker, this company has been innovative and took the lead in this field. Women hired by General Electric can expect to perform the same kind of work as men do, and they have been quite successful. Like men, they can just as well be assigned to manufacturing as to automated operations.

Thanks to our incentive policies other firms like General Electric made special efforts to reach the same objective even though they did not have to do that.

I thank and commend General Electric, I congratulate the director of Cowansville's manpower centre for submitting that company's name and, finally, I say well done to women who face up to challenges whenever they are given an opportunity.

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**CANADA POST CORPORATION**

## RECOGNITION OF ERRORS

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou):** Mr. Speaker, the Canada Post Corporation had decided to penalize Canadians who by oversight put a wrong postal code on a letter or who did not put it in at all because they did not know what it was.

This measure would have been unfair. Imagine its effect on senior citizens, the disabled, the small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to learn that finally the Canada Post Corporation recognized that it was a mistake. It is human to err, Mr. Speaker, but up to now the Canada Post Corporation refused to acknowledge it.

In the same spirit, I hope that the minister will bring pressures to bear on the Canada Post Corporation to make it also admit that setting up supermailboxes and closing rural