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### SEXIST PUBLICITY

**Mrs. Pierrette Venne (Saint-Hubert):** Mr. Speaker, on December 6, Hallmark announced it was withdrawing one of its greeting cards whose message ended with: If you see her, shoot to kill. Two years after the card was released, Hallmark realized that although the card was meant to be humorous, it was in fact a pretty sad commentary.

Mr. Speaker, Hallmark's decision to withdraw this card from the market shows that attitudes are starting to change and that there is no more room for products that denigrate women. Although I want to congratulate Hallmark on this decision, one wonders why the company overlooked this text during all that time.

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### FUTURE OF QUEBEC

**Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil):** Mr. Speaker, on Monday, December 10, I had the privilege of receiving more than 400 guests at my fundraising supper in Longueuil. It was the most important political event since my election in 1984. People from all parts of the community—business, professionals, the arts—came to support my work and my efforts to promote Quebec's political autonomy and prosperity. I want to take this opportunity to thank them publicly here in the House for demonstrating their confidence in me and in Quebec's future.

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### AIR TRANSPORT

**Mr. Vincent Della Noce (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of National Revenue):** Mr. Speaker, the global situation as a result of the events in the Persian Gulf is a boon for some and a disaster for many others. On a \$359 plane ticket, a \$112 fuel surcharge is added to the price. Today, I wish to express my disapproval of the fuel surcharges imposed by large carriers like Nationair, Canadian International and Intair, who have just filed a third application with the National Transportation Agency for permission to charge travellers an additional \$30 to \$50. The National Transportation Agency, which is

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now screening the carriers' third surcharge application, should simply say no.

Mr. Speaker, these are the same companies who in 1986, when we had a price drop of 11 cents per litre, remained suspiciously silent. I condemn their behaviour and I repeat: You are a bunch of profiteers with no respect for your travelling customers.

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### CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair):** Mr. Speaker, few in this country have a stronger sense of their Canadian identity than those of us who live in Windsor.

For us, it is a constant struggle to preserve our identity in the face of the omnipresent and powerful American influence. Thus, we cling fiercely to the symbols, institutions and values that make us uniquely Canadian because we know that to lose them would be to lose the Canada we love.

But we are losing them, all because of a government which believes the American way is better than the Canadian way. Now it is the CBC, the medium of our community and our connection to the rest of the country, which has been taken from us. It is another nail in the coffin of Canada. We are doomed to become a mere suburb of Detroit and no one seems to care. But we care.

On Sunday, at 4.30 p.m., we, the Canadians of Windsor, will demonstrate how much we do care. We ask the Prime Minister to join us and tell us why the Canada that we love is not his Canada. We will ask him to restore the vision of Canada that most Canadians share, or resign, so that we can have our country back.

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### MEMBERS' STAFF

**Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne):** Mr. Speaker, I rise in the House today to stress the dedication of those men and women without whom my work as a member and that of all my colleagues in this House could not be accomplished. I am, of course, referring to my assistants on the Hill and in my riding and to the political staff of all members of this House. Mr. Speaker, their support and hard work, whether they are managing files or