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### JUVENILE CRIME

**Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta):** Mr. Speaker, last week in Burnaby, B.C., a jewellery store manager was gunned down in broad daylight in a shopping mall by two teenage thieves.

In March, four teenagers, one brandishing a 25 calibre semi-automatic pistol, walked into another Vancouver jewellery store and walked out with jewellery estimated at \$400,000. One of them was only 13 years old.

Vancouver police say these are examples of a growing number of serious and violent crimes being committed by children. A report in *The Vancouver Province* says that more than two dozen similar crimes have been committed in lower mainland B.C. in the past few months, mostly by children. Many gangs are using children to commit crimes because under the Young Offenders Act the worst that can happen to a juvenile is three years in jail.

This government has proposed amendments to provide for increased penalties under the Young Offenders Act. Those changes, and perhaps even stronger ones, are needed to prevent and help deter our youth from choosing a life of crime.

I call upon the Minister of Justice to take a serious look into this growing problem and take decisive action before many more violent crimes are committed.

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### CANADA POST

**Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso):** Mr. Speaker, for many small towns and villages in Canada, the distinctive brick post office building is the one tangible presence of the federal government. But this presence is being systematically dismantled by Canada Post Corporation with the full support of this government.

In my riding the communities of Monastary, Orangedale, Margaree Harbour, and St. Joseph du Moine have recently lost their post office.

Last week the residents of Mabou were notified that their post office was next on the chopping block. The Mabou post office, serves 410 households in this proud community, in existence since the 1820s where the

inscription "Mabou—House of Letters" in Gaelic is eloquent testimony to a rich Scottish tradition. This community is to lose a post office it has had since 1871. No consultations and no appeal.

This carnage has to stop. It is time this government reined in its Crown corporation run amok.

It is time Canada Post listened to the residents of Mabou, Orangedale, St. Joseph du Moine, Margaree Harbour and all those other communities which want to preserve their rural post offices, this fundamental badge of nationhood.

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### THE ECONOMY

**Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, according to the media, senior federal civil servants are meeting regularly to plan a new decentralized Canada.

If we ever do transfer federal responsibilities to the provinces they will certainly need additional taxing powers as well. That would clearly weaken the federal government's ability to manage our national economy. The Minister of Finance has often pointed out the problems we have now when provincial spending policies conflict with federal economic policy. Greater decentralization will mean even greater conflicts and ultimately could lead to economic chaos and the disintegration of Canada as a viable nation.

That is not what most Canadians want. Most Canadians, and I am one of them, want a strong national government.

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### SHIPBUILDING

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, it is no secret that Canada's shipbuilding and repair industry is in a severe crisis.

Successive Liberal and Conservative governments have failed to ensure that domestic requirements for vessels used for transport, coastal trade, defence, the fishery, our national resources, offshore petroleum development, and search and rescue patrol would be met by Canadian shipyards and Canadian workers.

The Liberal government of the early eighties, through their then finance minister, now the Leader of the Opposition, cancelled the last amount of shipbuilding