

abortion. This decision must be overturned. One does not solve social problems by creating innocent victims of a problem, our unborn children.

Therefore, I urge the Government to work in greater haste to enact legislation that will safeguard the life, liberty, and sanctity of every human person, including unborn children.

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[Translation]

CANADA POST CORPORATION

DELIVERY STANDARDS

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, under its five-year corporate plan, Canada Post has lowered its delivery standards, unable as it was to meet the previous ones. A postal services independant study has shown that one out of five letters is still not delivered on schedule, despite the lower standards. Mr. Speaker, Canadians deserve a better service.

As of today, the Minister and Canada Post Corporation have still not announced the measures they intend to take in order to ensure that the minimum standards they have already lowered will be met.

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The climate in the Canada Post workplace is explosive. Why does the Minister encourage the confrontational style Canada Post adopted *vis-à-vis* its employees? How can the mail be delivered on time if those who move it are not motivated but rather frustrated?

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HUMAN RIGHTS

SOUTH KOREA—PLIGHT OF PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, I hope I speak for all Members of Parliament in supporting Amnesty International's call on the new President of South Korea, inaugurated yesterday, to demonstrate his declared commitment to human rights by releasing all prisoners of conscience and by commuting all pending death sentences for so-called anti-state activities.

The continued detention of South Koreans for the peaceful exercise of their rights of freedom of expression and association belies the membership which South Korea would obviously like to claim as part of the democratic world. The fact is that South Korea's so-called economic miracle, often lauded by right-wing Canadians, has been bought at the price of much

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political oppression. A rising GNP accompanied by rising rates of detention and suppression of dissent is not progress.

I call on the new president, Roh Tae-woo, to usher in a new era and declare the amnesty called for by Amnesty International.

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[Translation]

OBITUARY TRIBUTE TO QUÉBEC FEDERATION OF LABOUR PERMANENT DELEGATES

Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu): Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow and sadness that we learned last Tuesday that four high-ranking members of *QFL Construction* were killed while on duty.

They are: Guy Perreault, Director General, *QFL Construction*; Jean-Claude Sureau, Director, *Association nationale des travailleurs en tuyauterie*; Claude Proteau, Assistant Director General, *Fédération interprovinciale des ouvriers en électricité*; and Gaétan Boucher, union representative, *Association nationale des mécaniciens industriels*.

On behalf of my colleague, the Minister of Labour (Mr. Cadieux), and all the members of the Quebec Caucus, I would like to offer my deepest sympathies to all QFL members, who have lost valuable colleagues, and to the family and friends, so sorely tried.

I had the opportunity to work with some of these men, but I am well aware of the dedication of all of them to the cause of Canadian workers.

I would like also, on behalf of the Government, to offer our condolences to the friends and relatives of the pilot, Jean Verrière, and the copilot, Gary Gadouas.

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[English]

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

SYDNEY TAR PONDS

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, on November 7, 1986, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan), along with members of the Nova Scotia Government, announced a clean-up agreement for the Sydney tar ponds. The Minister said:

The tar ponds are an environmental menace to the health of the Sydney residents.

Yet the Government continues to drag its collective feet on this very important project.

The Minister also said at that time that the workers of the coke ovens who would be losing their jobs would be offered