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DISASTERS

DEATH OF MOZAMBIQUE PRESIDENT IN PLANE CRASH

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, the conflicting statements by the South African Government that his plane crashed because of bad weather, and by the plane's pilot that he was shot down by South African forces, will only be resolved with time. For Mozambique, one fact is tragically clear; Samora Machel, its President and father of its independence, has been killed, along with other important government officials.

We express here our sorrow and condolences to a nation and to the survivors of the deceased for their loss. But we must also note that Machel's death will bring the instability so assiduously sought by South Africa to the point of crisis, a crisis that emphasizes the need for an urgent Canadian Government response to the call by two parliamentary committees, the Special Joint Committee on Canada's International Relations and the Human Rights Committee, for an international effort to provide financial and other aid to the front line states in their resistance to the destabilization campaign by a racist and imperialist South Africa.

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[Translation]

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EXPRESSION OF CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES OF PERSONS
KILLED IN SAINTE-ANNE-DES-MONTS, AND OF GOOD WISHES TO
INJURED

Mr. Charles-Eugène Marin (Gaspé): Mr. Speaker, following the passage of Bill C-11 by the House of Commons, more than 750,000 low-income families in Canada, including 10,000 families in the Gaspé, will enjoy a tax credit of up to \$454 per child, of which \$300 is to be paid shortly as an advance payment. This is very good news for needy Canadian families.

However, Mr. Speaker, my initial pleasure in being able to announce this news to our families in the Gaspé was overshadowed by the disastrous occurrence that took the lives of six people, including three children, in my riding yesterday at Sainte-Anne-des-Monts. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that Hon. Members and you yourself will want to join me in extending to the bereaved families our sincere condolences and to those who were injured our best wishes for a speedy recovery.

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SMALL BUSINESS

CONSEQUENCES OF POSSIBLE POSTAL RATE INCREASE

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, October 19 to 25 is Small Business Week. Small

businesses depend on Canada Post and are hard hit by reduced services and higher rates.

Last Friday we learned that Canada Post is again seeking an increase of 2 cents a letter. Must this industry, this sector which creates most of our new jobs always be the scapegoat and pick up the tab for a Government which is shirking its responsibilities?

[English]

Why does the Government not live up to the promise it made on August 14, 1984, in a letter to the Postmasters' Association, and restore the quality of service without asking Canadians to pay more for less service?

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REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

OPENING OF MIRAMICHI PAPER MILL

Mr. W. R. Bud Jardine (Northumberland—Miramichi): Mr. Speaker, one of New Brunswick's economically depressed areas received a real boost, a real shot in the arm, last week when the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) opened a \$250 million mill on the Miramichi. It is a mill that will create 165 new jobs and maintain 1,400 others in the forest and supply sectors.

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The mill owner, Mr. George Petty, paid recognition to the Prime Minister's personal intervention after the election in 1984 that helped secure financing for the mill. Now, for the first time in almost 100 years, raw forest products are being manufactured into finished products on the Miramichi.

The Prime Minister's visit was a total success. The people greeted his return to a place he once called home, with love and affection. This Prime Minister cares about small-town Canada.

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FINANCE

NON-PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX BY STANDARD TRUSTCO
LIMITED

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, today we wish to announce the sixth winner of the great untaxed corporation award which goes to Standard Trustco Limited.

Successive Liberal and Conservative Governments slavishly following the same ideology have provided so many tax concessions that Standard Trustco paid no tax in 1981, 1982, and 1985 on millions of dollars of profit. In 1979 and 1980 its tax bill was so small that the rate amounted to only 0.2 per