

Mr. Speaker, I am very happy with what the federal Government has accomplished in Longueuil, and I am proud I was able to do my share.

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### TAX REFORM

#### NATIONAL SALES TAX

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, every Canadian from coast to coast should be warned that in 1989 the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) is going to launch the biggest, most massive tax attack in Canadian history. Do not be fooled, this new national sales tax will not be a two-bit little tax. In Great Britain this tax is 15 per cent, in Denmark it is 22 per cent, in France it is 18 per cent, in Norway it is 20 per cent, in Ireland it is a whopping 25 per cent.

This Conservative tax is going to raise the price of everything that we buy. McDonald's meals will increase by 75 cents, video rentals will increase by 90 cents, movie tickets will increase by 98 cents, cassettes and records will increase by \$1.35, baseball tickets will go up \$1.80, football tickets will increase by \$2.70, hockey tickets will increase by \$2.95, a typical oil change will go up \$3.75, children's school supplies will go up \$6.50, children's running shoes will increase by \$7.95, women's winter coats will increase by \$19, a set of winter tires will be an additional \$30, a Toronto home price will increase by a whopping \$20,000.

The jig is up for the Prime Minister and the Government. Canadians will not stand for this tax attack any longer.

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### THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

#### TREATMENT BY JOURNALISTS

**Mr. Patrick Boyer (Etobicoke—Lakeshore):** Mr. Speaker, the news media in Canada examined the role and workings of parliamentary committees. Is turnabout fair play? Today, the Standing Committee on Status of Disabled Persons tabled a report examining the relationship between Canada's working journalists and the needs and aspirations of the 3.3 million Canadians who have varying degrees of mental or physical disability.

It was because of the unevenness of the coverage, the stereotypical portrayal of the disabled, and the need for more attentive and sensitive treatment of the issues affecting this 13 per cent of our population, that this report was entitled "No News is Bad News". We feel the report is a challenge to all thoughtful journalists and news gathering and disseminating organizations in this country to turn some of that acute sense

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of critical analysis inward for a period of time and, if the shoe fits, wear it.

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Until there is greater awareness there cannot be the political action which is required to see that all Canadians get a fair deal.

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[Translation]

### REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### REQUEST THAT QUÉBEC GET ITS FAIR SHARE

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I was glad to see that after his meetings with the Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) and the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Turner) and future Prime Minister of Canada, my friend Robert Bourassa admitted, for the first time, that Quebec had been poorly treated under a Conservative Government. On the basis of my figures for regional development, he admitted Quebec had only received \$590 million, while Western Canada and the Atlantic Provinces received \$2 billion.

Mr. Speaker, there are 10 major issues involving Quebec which demonstrate how unfairly it is being treated by this Tory Government. First of all, there is the space agency, the contracts that should be forthcoming, a genuine banking centre, all the industries relating to railway transportation and shipbuilding, and so forth. We know that with the frigates Quebec got a very raw deal from the Conservative Government. There is also the matter of the east end of Montreal, southwest Montreal and the job creation programs. Mr. Speaker, Quebec got nothing from the Tories and every time we got something, it was because there was a survival committee to defend the interests of Quebecers, and not thanks to Conservative Members.

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### HOUSING

#### REINTEGRATION OF ELDERLY IN SOCIETY

**Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval):** Mr. Speaker, I recently learned that the suggestion I made to the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McInnes) and the Minister of Veterans Affairs and Minister of State for Seniors (Mr. Hees) was accepted and put on the agenda for the Canadian seniors' housing options conference to be held in Halifax from October 17 to 20. The purpose of this proposal is to return seniors to society by making it possible for them to play an important role in our development.