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We are moving toward an economy which is becoming increasingly advanced technologically. Consequently, we have to pay more attention to safety and health in the work place. The education and retraining of workers in response to these rapid changes must always incorporate the highest levels of safety awareness.

Strong emphasis must be placed on learning in the modern world of work. Accordingly, this year's theme is "Planning: Your Investment in Health and Safety". Business and labour share a joint responsibility to ensure that all activities related to the work place are studied in a spirit of co-operation. In this way, avoidable accidents can be reduced significantly.

On the occasion of Canadian Occupational Health and Safety Week, I ask my hon. friends to bring the challenges of this issue to their constituents' attention. In so doing, we may all one day be able to point with pride to the commitment which has made us the leading nation in the care and protection of all our workers.

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125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONFEDERATION

Mr. David Berger (Saint-Henri—Westmount): Mr. Speaker, in this 125th year of Confederation, it is important more than ever before to celebrate Canada Day, even in the current political climate. There are a number of reasons why we should be optimistic. As we all know, Canada is an exceptionally beautiful country, endowed with exceptional riches. We should never forget that Canada is a democratic society. In a world torn by hatred, persecution and fanaticism, Canadians have always been known for their tolerance. This tradition helped us build a country on half a continent that has become a symbol to all of peace, prosperity, comfort and freedom, so much so that last year we were ranked by the United Nations as the best place in the world in which to live.

In fact, if we look at the news, we realize that our problems are minimal, compared with those endured by

most of humankind. By building on our traditions, we will be able to solve our problems and offer a better life to all Canadians.

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VOYAGEURS '92

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, today's *Vancouver Sun* contains an article questioning the success of the Voyageurs '92 program. The article draws a damning picture of a last minute program lacking adequate support, organization and community interest. There was a lot of negative and a lot of bunk.

I will tell you about the positive. The Fraser Valley Broadcasters, the Metro Valley Newspaper Group and the *Times* joined together in a united community media effort to get the Voyageurs off the ground in my riding, and what a job they did.

We have two groups heading off to Pontiac, Gatineau and Labelle tomorrow and are they excited.

We have already seen two groups come to the Fraser Valley and they had a great time. The Sto:lo Nation and Tribal Council put on a cultural extravaganza including, dancing, food, a visit to a First Nations police training centre, a tour of the valley and Vancouver. The groups rode the gondola across Hell's Gate on free passes. The officers at CFB Chilliwack took the kids water skiing on Cultus Lake. There was a trip to Victoria, there was an all-night block party and a barbeque to close things off.

We have churches, veterans associations, schools and service clubs like the Hope Rotary and Lions all working together. This does not sound very negative to me. It sounds like the community got together to celebrate Canada and being Canadian.

A lasting impression was made that will do more for Canadian unity and personal development than all the negative media in the world.

Voyageurs '92, making great Canadian history yet again.