

I urge the government to press for early ratification of the convention, both here in Canada and abroad so that we can legitimately press other governments, such as that of Brazil, to commit to the survival, protection and development of the world's children.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, Canada Post's annual report and five-year plan were tabled yesterday. They are enough to outrage even the most cynical.

Canada Post gloats over its recent \$149 million so-called profit. It is not profit, it is the blood of rural post offices slashed from Canada Post's roster. This comes from the cruel harassment and intimidation of its employees on sick leave, from denying Canadians door-to-door delivery, from cutting back service to Canadians everywhere. Nowhere in Canada Post's mandate is there a call for a national postal service to turn money over to the government at the expense of service—nowhere.

But our new Canada Post has decided to gift wrap itself for the private sector, by turning a profit and cutting back on such costly ventures as providing service to rural Canadians, or delivering mail to people in sizeable communities door-to-door as it always has, and at the expense of providing a humane workplace.

However, the criminal is not Canada Post. It is this government's cowardly failure to confront our Crown corporation, its refusal to stand up for rural, suburban and urban Canadians, its abuse of postal workers and disregard for the future of our national postal system.

Shame, Mr. Speaker, shame on the government.

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LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre): Jean Chrétien, where are you?

Earlier this month, speaking in French, Mr. Chrétien said clarifications to the accord seemed to have been made, and he hoped that the accord would pass.

Last week, in English, he would not say what he thought the legislatures of Manitoba and Newfoundland should do.

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Well Mr. Chrétien, you should say the same thing to Canadians in English and in French.

Do you think the Meech Lake Accord should be adopted this week or not?

Yes or no, Mr. Chrétien? Yes or no?

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ENERGY

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise this House that there is an alternative fuel that is renewable, which will not only reduce global warming but whose production might even contribute to the reduction of carbon in the atmosphere.

It would reduce urban ozone and pollutants, and would require no new technological breakthroughs and would assist in providing our agricultural producers a better income. It was first used in the 1930s.

The fuel is ethanol, and its use has been studied time and time again.

A recent report commissioned by the Department of Grains and Oilseeds calls on the government to set an ethanol fuel policy. The energy committee report, Alcohol Additives, in 1986 called on the government to encourage the use of ethanol.

While this government dithers, other countries are gaining a huge lead in the use of ethanol. There are as many litres of ethanol blended fuel sold in the United States as there is gasoline sold in all of Canada. The U.S. spends close to \$400 million a year fostering its ethanol industry at a net saving of \$25 million a year according to its General Accounting Office.

It is time this government provided action on global warming instead of contributing to it by talking about the problem rather than implementing the solutions staring them in the face.

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VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec—Est): Mr. Speaker, several years ago, the municipality of L'Ancienne-Lorette started a very positive tradition.