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[English]

HEALTH CARE

Mrs. Sharon Hayes (Port Moody—Coquitlam, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the politically artificial October 15 deadline imposed by the health minister on the provinces is rapidly approaching.

Why was it imposed? Some provinces have dared to reform their health care system in the best interests of their residents by offering them choice. Alberta, for example, by addressing the chronic problems in its health care system, may be penalized \$7 million annually.

Now there are indications that the minister may be backtracking on her original edict. Officials in her department have stated that October 15 is only the date when they will determine whether some provinces are violating provisions of the Canada Health Act. Financial penalties may be some months down the road.

It is clear the minister's line in the sand is being blown away; blown away by the wind of reform and innovation; blown away by the need for a new Canadian federalism.

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WATERLOO

Mr. Andrew Telegdi (Waterloo, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to inform the House that Ville de Waterloo, Quebec and the city of Waterloo, Ontario have agreed to formally twin their respective communities.

The aim of the twinning is to promote social, cultural, economic, historic and sports exchanges in order to strengthen existing ties of friendship and provide a framework for mutually beneficial exchanges of information and experiences.

Representatives of the two Waterloos first met in Ottawa during the Spicer commission hearings. I had the honour to be a participant as a municipal councillor.

Ville de Waterloo will be hosted by my community this weekend during Oktoberfest, the largest Bavarian festival outside of Munich. On Monday, Thanksgiving weekend, the mayors of the two Waterloos will be part of the Oktoberfest parade that will be televised nationally.

To mayors Bernard Provencher and Brian Turnbull, along with their respective councils and communities, we offer our congratulations for their initiatives in promoting goodwill and understanding among Canadians.

My colleague from Kitchener and I invite all members of the House and Canadians to come to Kitchener-Waterloo for Oktoberfest.

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LEADER OF THE ACTION DÉMOCRATIQUE DU QUÉBEC

Mr. Bernard Patry (Pierrefonds—Dollard, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the separatist leader of the Action démocratique du Québec asked Quebecers to support his plan for Quebec's separation because it was based on the same approach as the common sense revolution of Mike Harris.

This statement by the leader of the ADQ openly contradicted what was said recently by the leader of the PQ about the new government in Ontario. I may recall that recently, the Péquiste leader said in an interview with *Le Soleil*, and I quote: "Ralph Klein and Mike Harris did not take the bull by the horns. They took the public by the horns".

The Yes side should stop adding to the confusion and contradictory statements around the referendum and the future of Quebec. They can make as many clever moves as they want, but the public knows perfectly well that the real issue is separation, and on October 30, the answer will be no.

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Mr. Nick Discepola (Vaudreuil, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the statement by the separatist leader of the Action démocratique du Québec, which referred to an independent Quebec on the Ontario model proposed by Mike Harris, was not only a contradiction of what was said by his boss, the leader of the Parti Québécois, it was also a denial of the position taken by the Leader of the Bloc Québécois.

The Leader of the Official Opposition has already said that the approach and policies of the Conservative Government in Ontario would not be applied to Quebec, and I quote: "I find it disturbing, and many people in Quebec are afraid of this model of society".

It has become increasingly clear that the three leaders on the Yes side cannot agree on the kind of society they want to offer to Quebecers. The people of Quebec are very wary of these contradictions, and that is why they will elect to stay in Canada by voting no on October 30.

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CANADIAN DOLLAR

Mr. Réjean Lefebvre (Champlain, BQ): Mr. Speaker, strangely enough, some supporters of the No side are still questioning the right of a sovereign Quebec to use the Canadian dollar. The decision as to which currency can be used as legal tender on a sovereign country's territory can only be made by that country. Even the United States has no control over transactions made in U.S. dollars outside its borders. It must also be