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In 1985 South Korea had a \$831 million trade surplus with Canada and a two-way trade of \$2.38 billion. About 85 per cent of its exports to Canada, led by the sale of Hyundai passenger cars, are job-creating manufactured products. How long do we continue to provide preference for the products of a country where injustice cheapens wages at the expense of Canadian workers?

How can we meet a commitment to send our athletes to the Olympic Games in a country where oppression sustains national unrest?

How long will the Government pursue a policy of silence before the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) speaks out for an end to repression in South Korea?

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[Translation]

350TH ANNIVERSARY OF CITY OF SILLERY

TRIBUTE TO ORGANIZERS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO
CITIZENS

Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Louis-Hébert): Mr. Speaker, one of the oldest towns in North America is celebrating its 350th anniversary with ten days of festivities. I am referring to Sillery, which is in my riding.

I want to congratulate the organizers under the leadership of Mr. Jacques Ouellet and Mayor Margaret Delisle, as well as their team of advisers, on the beauty and simplicity of these festivities and the many cultural events that are being offered. Everything is being done to show Canadians the breathtaking beauty of our natural sites, and to tell them about the various historic events that took place and especially the people who made those events.

During the last two centuries, the town has been famous the world over for its shipbuilding industry. The climax of the festivities will undoubtedly be the signing of a document, twinning Sillery with the small town of Sillery, in France.

I want to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations, on behalf of the Canadian Government, to all the people of Sillery.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT INTERVENE

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, I think the Canadian people should censure this

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Conservative Government for the way it is behaving in the Post Office dispute.

First of all, the Conservative Government is responsible for the confrontation and for the postal strike we are having now, because of the cutbacks introduced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson).

Second, it is absolutely disgraceful that this Government and its Prime Minister, who was personally involved in labour relations, should side with the Canada Post Corporation, a Crown corporation that is fooling the unemployed into thinking they will get jobs with Canada Post.

Third, this Government is guilty of aiding and abetting the confrontation we are seeing on the picket lines.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge Conservative Members, who I know disagree privately with the Government's attitude, to make their views known to the Prime Minister and urge him to bring Canada Post into line.

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[English]

STATUS OF WOMEN

BATTERED WOMEN—ACCESS TO SHELTERS

Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris): Mr. Speaker, a recent study estimates that about one million Canadian women are psychologically and often physically abused by their husbands or boyfriends. Services for battered women have increased dramatically over the last five years and yet, for every woman staying in a shelter, another is turned away.

Moreover, existing shelters, including one in my hometown, are experiencing financial funding difficulties. Although church and community volunteers have laboured hard in the past to provide such services and initially without any government financial assistance, the extent of the problem is now such that Governments at all levels must accept a continuing role to ensure that shelters and services are available on a reasonably uniform basis. For that reason I urge the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp) and his provincial counterparts to act quickly to ensure that women's shelters have the necessary core funding to guarantee both urban and rural women access to shelters and well-trained counsellors.

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While we continue to wish the problem of battered women did not exist, the reality is that it does. Therefore, Governments at all levels must respond both quickly and adequately.