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DELMAR CHEMICALS

M. Paul Martin (LaSalle—Émard): Madam Speaker, yesterday Delmar Chemicals, a Canadian company located in LaSalle, in my riding, permanently laid off half of its employees. Delmar used to supply pharmaceutical chemical products. The federal government granted an increased protection to pharmaceutical multinational companies in order to allow them to be more competitive and to invest more in Canada. Unfortunately, it did not give the required attention to Canadian companies. It did not establish any particular development plan which would have reinforced companies such as Delmar.

The conclusion is clear, Madam Speaker: if the government does not take the necessary measures to stimulate the growth of Canadian-owned pharmaceutical industries, more jobs will be lost. The time to act is now.

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[English]

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Madam Speaker, I have recently received a letter from a businessman from Vancouver. In it he states, and I quote:

Illegal aliens are causing enormous difficulties for local business people and landed immigrants who are attempting to make a fresh start in our area as recent arrests and deportations will attest.

Additionally the prostitution and drug elements these people have brought into the east-end, compound the initial problem of illegal immigration; as a significant number of people conducting these illicit activities are aliens.

These sentiments are confirmed by the large number of illegal immigrants and refugees that were arrested in Vancouver's large drug roundup this week. Many of these already had multiple arrests while in Canada.

These criminals must be dealt with quickly and severely. We cannot let them use our generous immigration policies to destroy the fabric of Canadian society by making a mockery of our justice system.

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DAVID MILGAARD

Mr. Rod Laporte (Moose Jaw—Lake Centre): Madam Speaker, on behalf of the New Democratic caucus I would like to commend the Minister of Justice for today ordering a judiciary review of the David Milgaard case.

This long awaited decision has been in large part due to the extraordinary efforts of David's mother, Joyce Milgaard, and a loyal and energetic group of supporters.

Mrs. Milgaard's incredible courage and stamina over these many years is not only an example of a mother's love for her son but also a relentless desire to see justice done.

The Donald Marshall inquiry recommended that an independent body be established to review cases where a miscarriage of justice may have taken place. Certainly the excruciatingly painful experience and expense that both David Milgaard and his family have been forced to endure highlight the need for this recommendation to be given real and serious consideration. The present system obviously is inadequate.

I congratulate David Milgaard and his family on this success. I believe that once the Supreme Court has had a chance to review the case, the court will come to the conclusion that a tragic and unfortunate miscarriage of justice occurred in Saskatoon in 1969.

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WORLD AIDS DAY

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Madam Speaker, December 1 is World AIDS Day. Its theme "Sharing the Challenge", is meant to recognize the individuals and the many groups, including governments and non-governmental organizations, that are already partners in the fight against AIDS. It is also meant to involve individuals and groups that have not yet joined the battle.

The participation of front-line workers in this field has proved essential. Community groups involved in the fight against AIDS, persons infected with the HIV virus or suffering from AIDS, and health professionals are the key players. They help us understand how AIDS affects our communities and how we can tackle the complexities of this problem effectively.