

I can understand the NDP wanting to appropriate private property from Canadian citizens, but I thought the Conservatives were a party that believed in the right of every person to the use and enjoyment of property.

I was obviously misled, as were other Canadians, to believe that there was a significant difference between the Tories and the NDP.

Politics does indeed make strange bedfellows.

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ARMENIA

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, on April 24 and on Sunday, April 26, Canadians of Armenian heritage commemorated the 77th anniversary of the Armenian genocide.

In Canada, denial of the Jewish holocaust has been recognized in our courts as a violation of our hate laws.

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Yet the Turkish government continues to deny this historical blot on its reputation for which the term genocide was coined in spite of the pictures, the testaments of survivors, and ample documentation.

The European Parliament has recognized this act of hatred. A UN subcommittee on the motion of Canadian Justice Deschênes recommended the United Nations recognize it. I therefore urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to publicly acknowledge this attempted genocide and to submit the matter to the United Nations in concert with Europe.

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THE BALKANS

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, the situation in the Balkans has caused considerable concern among many of my constituents. In particular, the issue of Macedonia represents great potential for further destabilization in the region.

As is evident with the escalation of the slaughter of Bosnia-Herzegovina, the issues of the former Yugoslav republics cannot be resolved by the simple act of international recognition.

The inhabitants of these countries have cultural and national identities. They have to be addressed within the

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setting up of new state borders. The failure of the government of the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia to assure its ethnic groups of their rights and adopt a name that is not linked to Hellenism threatens to cause chaos in this turbulent region.

Canada has already sent 1,200 troops to participate in the peacekeeping efforts in Yugoslavia. It would be a great pity if this number had to be increased. Canada should insist that the Gligorov government respect the culture and tradition of its neighbours as well as the rights of all ethnic groups that make up the population and drop the name Macedonia, which implies territorial claims before any recognition is given.

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AGRIFOOD INDUSTRY

Mr. Pat Sobeski (Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, yesterday a conference was held entitled "Enhancing Competitiveness in the Agrifood Sector".

The participants discussed the dramatic restructuring that is occurring in the food manufacturing industry and the need to manage change more effectively by developing new solutions, new approaches, and new attitudes.

A joint presentation was made by the Grocery Product Manufacturers of Canada and the United Food and Commercial Workers Canada. This is quite a change.

Just one year ago they virtually had no dealings with each other and they never really thought about working together, but both organizations have learned when they approach problems from different philosophies, although they have different philosophies, in the end their concerns and objectives are the same.

I congratulate the two groups for this positive step forward. It is a necessary step if one hopes to foster greater understanding, dialogue, compromise, and co-operation.

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COLLEEN MCCRORY

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise today to honour one of Canada's hardest working environmentalists, Colleen McCrory. Colleen is the recipient of one of the most prestigious environmental awards in the world, the \$60,000 U.S. Goldman Environmental Prize.