

No such requirement has been laid on brass bands. I call on the Minister of National Defence to reverse this discriminatory foolish decision. The Black Watch Pipe Band is a well loved Canadian institution in Montreal. Liberals should protect it instead of being up to their old tricks and trying to eliminate anything that smacks of British tradition.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Mr. Andrew Telegdi (Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, I am proud to inform the House that Catherine and Ron Hewson are cycling across Canada and have a support team of Irene and Jake Pauls travelling with them. The cross-Canada cycling trip started on May 28 in St. John's, Newfoundland, and they will reach Victoria, British Columbia, on July 29.

These young Canadians are from my riding. They are giving of their time and energies to promote Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity Canada was established in 1985 and now has 22 established affiliates in six provinces. More than 29 new affiliates are also forming in other provinces.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry seeking to eliminate poverty housing world-wide and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action.

I am pleased the Canadian headquarters for this excellent organization is located in Waterloo under the able leadership of Wilmer Martin. It is examples like these that make Canada a great place to live.

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EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Geoff Regan (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, I remind the House of the government's strong commitment to job creation for Canadians and ensuring that Canadians get first crack at opportunities.

A case in point is the *Nordic Challenger*, a shuttle tanker which moves oil from offshore Nova Scotia to Canadian and foreign ports. It is operated by Lasmo Nova Scotia Limited. In past years the crew aboard this vessel consisted solely of foreign workers. In April of this year the exemption for the use of foreign workers aboard the vessel came up for renewal.

In spite of Lasmo's attempts to justify the hiring of only 12 Canadians, the government stood firm and refused to extend the exemption. The previous government routinely renewed the exemption, claiming it was acting for the benefit of the economy.

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The government's major priority is jobs for Canadians. That is why the Minister of Human Resources Development and the

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Minister of Citizenship and Immigration stood up for Canadian workers and refused to allow foreign interest to carry the day.

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IMMIGRATION

Mr. John Cannis (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, the recent announcement that changes are now being made to the immigrant determination process should be cheered by all Canadians. This first step is a valuable tool in making the system more accountable to the Canadian public. It maintains and protects Canada's traditional role as a country for those truly seeking a new beginning.

Accusations are rife that the minister had a knee-jerk reaction to the recent events portrayed in the media. This is not the case. Rather these amendments are well thought out and the result of our government's ongoing commitment to the consultation as outlined in the red book. These amendments give us the tools to turn away those who wish to abuse Canada's generosity.

I commend the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration for his hard work and effort on the part of all Canadians and the introduction of his timely amendment.

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SAINT-JEAN-BAPTISTE DAY

Mrs. Anna Terrana (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, June 24 is Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day, the day on which we honour the patron saint of the city of Montreal. Today, both personally and on behalf of my constituents of Vancouver East, I would like to wish all Quebecers a happy holiday.

As a native of Turin, Italy, a city which shares the same patron saint, I know how important holidays like this are. I hope that June 24 will be a happy day for all Quebecers and I also hope that it will be celebrated together by all, as Canadians, in the years to come.

From my home on the Pacific coast all the way to the Atlantic coast and from the American border to the North Pole, Canadians want to strengthen the ties that bind Canada's provinces and territories and work together to resolve their problems and foster a more acceptable climate for all. As the saying goes, united we stand and united we must remain.

Happy Saint-Jean-Baptiste day to all Canadians.

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CANADIAN PEACEKEEPERS

Mr. Maurice Godin (Châteauguay): Mr. Speaker, the war in Croatia claimed another victim yesterday. Corporal Mark Robert Isfield was killed when he stepped on a land mine. His senseless death leaves us with even less hope today that the warring factions will finally lay down their arms. Often, the loss