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By refusing to adhere to the municipally set rates, this government is clearly demonstrating its dishonesty, its treacherousness and its arrogance. The federal government should pay equal taxes on its properties the same as all other property owners.

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PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Mr. Speaker, the environmental assessment for Pearson International Airport was completed in November 1992 but not released to the public until last week.

Then the minister advised that he was rejecting virtually every recommendation from the environmental review panel. In particular, the environmental review panel suggested a short 4,500-foot runway parallel to runway 33 for small aircraft.

The minister rejected that proposal and is going to build a full runway. The environmental review panel suggested sound-proofing to retrofit residences and schools and other such buildings. The minister rejected that recommendation. Indeed, the minister has refused to compensate anyone or assist anyone for substantial increases in air noise.

There is no point in the Government of Canada financing an environmental review of a project if the Government of Canada is not going to be bound by that review.

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CANADA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday of last week an hon. member from the other side rose in this House to praise his government for the success of the Canada Scholarship Program.

In the heat of the moment and possibly overcome by emotion, it seems the hon. member lost sight of some of the facts. He failed to mention that not only will students be forced to pay income tax on their scholarships, but they have been robbed of the six month interest free grace period. That adds six months of additional interest to those financially strapped students who must borrow to access post-secondary education.

[*Translation*]

To top it all, the hon. member, who was obviously in a state of uncontrollable excitement, forgot to mention that his government had decided to break its promise to

eliminate the 3 per cent tax on student loans in exchange for six months more interest.

The Conservative government will take nearly \$60 million from students of modest means.

[*English*]

Will this government stop erecting barriers for students, our young men and women, and start doing something about it now?

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. A. H. Harry Brightwell (Perth—Wellington—Waterloo): Mr. Speaker, scientists say that human activities accelerating the natural greenhouse effect could cause future climatic changes to occur 100 times faster than during the last ice age. We can do something about this by becoming more energy efficient.

This is an environmental citizenship message from Environment Canada. Yesterday was the commencement of the environmental citizenship messages program.

This new green plan program is designed to use Canada's existing network of 60 weather offices and the Canadian Meteorological Centre to deliver daily educational messages on issues like global warming, waste reduction, water conservation and spaces and species to the media and the general public.

I know that Canadians will listen to these messages.

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TAXATION

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, the current government and its Liberal predecessor have created a tax system which favours those of wealth and privilege. For example, the government has decided to extend the most famous of all Liberal tax loopholes, the one protecting Canada's most wealthy families who have family trusts.

This means that billions of dollars presently sheltered in private family trusts will not be subject to tax until the last exempted beneficiary dies. A fund set up today for a young child would go tax-free for 70 years or 80 years. In our judgment this is very wrong. This is another case where the Liberals created the loophole and the Tories are now widening it. The Liberals feigning ignorance are now crying foul.