

such detail is to ensure that unrelated companies and individuals could not band together to essentially have control of Canadian National.

I want to make two other points. The Minister of Transport indicated this morning that regulatory reform would be coming up soon. It is as important as CN's privatization to ensure that we have an efficient railway transportation system.

We all agree that transportation is key to our competitiveness, to creating jobs and to exporting. That is why we want to create a national, affordable integrated railway system in the country that will allow us to be able to move goods and people as efficiently and as effectively as we possibly can, and to ensure that those jobs remain in the country and that we continue to export.

Bill C-89 is going to committee and when it comes back I am sure we can look forward to the support of all members of the House.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Pursuant to Standing Order 73, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put forthwith the question on the motion now before the House.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: No.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

Some hon. members: Yea.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. members: Nay.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Call in the members.

[Translation]

And the division bells having rung:

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Kilger): Pursuant to Standing Order 45(5)(a), the division on the question now before the House stands deferred until 6.30 p.m. today, at which time the bells to call in the members will be sounded for not more than 15 minutes.

[English]

The Speaker: It being 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 30(5) the House will now proceed to statements by members.

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STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

[English]

HEARING AWARENESS MONTH

Ms. Hedy Fry (Vancouver Centre, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, you might agree that in your chair you are more often a listener than you are a speaker, but not all Canadians share the luxury of hearing as you do.

May is Hearing Awareness Month and as such is an occasion to promote greater public understanding of Canadians who are deaf or hard of hearing. It is also a time to help those with related communication disorders and to emphasize the importance of protecting our hearing.

More than one million Canadians have a hearing loss. For these people communication is not a simple task. It means using teletypewriters, close captioning for television, listening devices, sign language and oral interpreters.

This year the hearing awareness campaign will focus on access and communication. Hearing organizations will be working together to promote programs and services that improve the lives of the hearing impaired in Canada.

Please join me in saluting the Canadian Hearing Society and the Canadian Association of Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists for their devotion to improving the lives of Canadians with hearing difficulties. Thank you all for listening.

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[Translation]

MINING EXPLORATION

Mr. Bernard Deshaies (Abitibi, BQ): Mr. Speaker, on April 25, I attended the official opening of the largest copper mine in operation in Quebec, the Louvicourt mine, near Val-d'Or.

This mine, which will employ over 350 people for more than 10 years, is the result of a roughly \$300 million investment by partners Aur, Teck and Novicourt. This impressive achievement shows how important government assistance, in the form of flow-through shares, is to mining.

We deplore the fact that the government has rejected the Standing Committee on Natural Resources' recommendation to enhance the federal contribution to the flow-through share system. The Minister of Natural Resources should be reminded that the government's involvement in mining is not an expenditure but a profitable investment that would benefit a number of mining regions in Canada and Quebec as well as thousands of workers.