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I call on the federal government to take the lead in this area. Although education is a provincial responsibility, the federal government can help to evaluate the results of our education system nation-wide. With national standards, all concerned can work together to develop an education system which prepares our youth for the challenges of tomorrow.

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PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Ms. Albina Guarnieri (Mississauga East): Mr. Speaker, for nearly two years residents near Pearson International Airport have hinged their hopes for protection against even more aircraft noise on the report of this government's environmental assessment panel.

This report recommended that residents be compensated for the cost of aircraft noise and that the proposed north-south runway not be built because its meagre benefits would be far outweighed by the social impact on area residents.

The government's new runways will be paved with devalued homes. This report flew right over the head of the Minister of Transport. His government has turned a deaf ear to the noise concerns raised by its own panel and has left residents in the dark about restrictions on the airport's fly-by-night operations.

More aircraft noise will land on area homes but residents have been told to take off.

The Tories should stop wasting taxpayers' money on environmental panels if they are not going to pay any attention to the results.

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GASOLINE TAX

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton): Mr. Speaker, last week's announcement by the President of the United States of a proposed BTU tax represents good news for the communities along the Canada-U.S. border. These

communities, like my riding of Sarnia—Lambton, are still feeling the pinch from cross-border purchases of gasoline in particular.

It has been reported that this energy tax could raise the price of U.S. gasoline for Canadian cross-border purchasers by a substantial amount. As such this measure would lower the Canada-U.S. gas price differential and help make it less attractive to cross-border shoppers.

However, I rise today to insist that the governments on this side of the border not move to squelch this positive news. It is not time for the federal government nor the province of Ontario to think that we now have room to increase gasoline taxes.

A proposed increase in U.S. gasoline taxes will help take some of the lustre off the lower American gasoline prices so let us leave it that way.

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GRAMMY AWARDS

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, k.d. lang has done it again. Along with Céline Dion, *la chanteuse merveilleuse du Québec*, Alberta's queen of country pop has been granted the most prestigious award in western popular music, the American Grammy.

Both lang and Dion richly deserve their respective awards. Lang won best female pop vocalist for her single *Constant Craving* and best pop performance by a duo was won by Dion for her work on the duet *Beauty and the Beast*.

These triumphs were further augmented by Grammy awards to other outstanding Canadian artists Rob McConnell, Walter Ostanek and Daniel Lanois. Truly Canadian artists rank with the best in the world.

All Canadians are wonderfully grateful for the enrichment these artists bring to our lives with their work. All Canadians are wonderfully proud of their tremendous accomplishments and international recognition.

Well done, k.d. Bravo, Céline. Congratulations, Rob, Walter and Daniel. You bring joy and honour to Canada.