

*Oral Questions***THE LATE BARBARA FRUM**

**Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in celebrating Barbara Frum's life.

She was more than the reigning queen of Canadian broadcasting. She was a case study in courage.

The first time I met Barbara Frum was in a Toronto television studio 10 years ago. We arrived at the makeup room at the same time and I was struck by her appearance. After watching her on television for so long, I was surprised to see that in person her hair was thin and her features troubled.

Only later did I learn of her battle with leukaemia, a battle which would have ended weaker lives a lot sooner. Barbara's battle, not to excel in life but simply to keep on living, was an inspiration.

I came later to meet her entrepreneurial husband, Murray, and her son, David, who has become in his own right, an outstanding journalist. The Frum family, by any standard, is exceptional and special.

This day we are sad at Barbara Frum's passing. But we are also inspired by her.

Those of us who knew her, who were challenged by her on national television, who felt her energy and her bite, know that this is not just the loss of an important journalist, it is the loss of a person who had an appetite for life. It is the loss of someone who challenged disease and death the same way she took on the politicians and that, as many of us in this House know, was with a fury.

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**MERCHANT MARINERS**

**Mr. Fred J. Mifflin (Bonavista—Trinity—Conception):** Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in expressing our appreciation on the recent announcement by the Minister of Veterans Affairs in considering merchant seamen for veterans' benefits.

I was a member of the Standing Committee on Defence and Veterans Affairs which studied this matter. The testimony that we heard from the merchant seamen involved and those who participated on behalf of their colleagues, the merchant sailors who were involved in the world wars and particularly World War II, was commendable.

I recall, as a young boy in Newfoundland, the experi-

ences of those involved even in the coastal trade, plus the Atlantic Canadians who were involved in very dangerous trips across the Atlantic and indeed up as far as Murmansk.

I am speaking on behalf of my party and the leader of the Liberal Party, who is delighted to see that this action has been taken by the government and that the brave action of those merchant seamen who helped us in the wars at sea and their contribution are finally being fully appreciated by the government.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

**Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, Canadians want this government to invest in their future. This government does not have to take my word for it, it only has to read the results of a recent survey from the hon. member for Mississauga South.

More than 70 per cent of respondents were in favour of allowing unemployed Canadians to continue to collect benefits while attending school and more than 80 per cent of the respondents were also in favour of the government spending more money to finance training programs.

It is imperative, however, that the training funds should not be taken from the unemployment insurance account. The government pulled out of its financial commitment to the account through the adoption of Bill C-21 at the beginning of this recession.

It is time for this government to get back in and show its commitment to the future of Canadian workers.

**ORAL QUESTION PERIOD**

[English]

**AVIATION SAFETY**

**Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Prime Minister and concerns the release this morning of the report on the inquiry into the Dryden crash.