

As I extend my congratulations to the Mississauga Youth Advisory Committee I would also like to encourage other young people across the country to be active participants in addressing the difficult issues facing the youth of our country and the nation as a whole.

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INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

Mr. Jack Iyerak Anawak (Nunatsiaq):

[Editor's Note: Member spoke in Inuktitut.]

The recent advertising campaign of the International Fund for Animal Welfare is totally misleading and irresponsible. The fund says it wants to have some honesty and clear thinking on harvesting issues.

Let us have some honesty by giving Canadians the facts that animal rights groups do not tell Canadians.

What about the fact that the anti-sealing lobby destroyed the economy of the eastern Arctic? What about the fact that aboriginal unemployment in the eastern Arctic is now about 80 per cent? What about the fact that since it is no longer possible for families to make their living by hunting, the social welfare rolls have soared and social problems have increased?

What about the fact that manufacturers of fake fur coats cause more serious environmental consequences than wildlife harvesting ever will?

The fund and other animal rights groups say continued hunting will drag down Canada's reputation in the eyes of the world.

As the world heads into 1993, the International Year for Indigenous Peoples, let the truth be told about how these groups continue to drag down aboriginal peoples by exploiting domestic and international ignorance of wildlife and aboriginal peoples.

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ABORIGINAL PEOPLES

Mr. Robert D. Nault (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, I have just returned from travelling with the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples in my riding.

What the commission heard regarding the high rate of teen suicides in northern Ontario is quite shocking to say the least.

Since 1986 there have been 49 suicides and nearly 800 suicide attempts by teenagers. This is nearly seven times the national average. It is clear from the statistics that the government has failed to provide adequate policies and financial resources to deal with the issue of suicides in aboriginal communities.

It is time for this government to move very quickly, first, by committing the financial resources to help these communities deal effectively with the problem of teen suicide and, second, by conducting an inquiry to look at the long-term issues relating to suicides.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL AGREEMENTS

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, last Thursday, Manitoba Premier Gary Filmon refused to attend a PC fund raising dinner with the Prime Minister. Despite the fact that Filmon's finance minister, Clayton Manners, had endorsed the federal government's economic statement, Filmon was reported as being miffed that Manitoba did not receive its fair share in the mini budget.

Why have these two Conservative governments not renewed a number of federal-provincial agreements that the former NDP government of Manitoba had initiated?

Why has the inner city core area initiative been allowed to die? Why has the northern development agreement not been renegotiated? Why is there no new agreement on the bay line in the port of Churchill? Why have affirmative action education programs for natives been dropped? Why have land entitlement negotiations, which are so important for the economic development of native people, been put on the back burner?

Why have any number of federal-provincial agreements, including tourism, mining and forestry been either downgraded or dropped?

Why can these two Conservative governments not work with each other?