

and communities, or on their behalf through research, social policy, or planning groups.

The 11,000 members of the Canadian Association of Social Workers should be recognized for their valuable contribution to the betterment of society. We wish them every success in the celebration of National Social Work Week.

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REGIONAL AIR SERVICE

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, Transport Canada's cost recovery proposals threaten the economic and social well-being of regional air service.

In Atlantic Canada, Air Nova and Air Atlantic, under these new proposals, would face as much as \$1 million in extra costs for this year alone. Traffic losses as a result of the fare increases that would follow these operating cost increases could be as high as 30 per cent on prop-jet services.

The cost recovery proposals of Transport Canada will most likely mean that services to smaller communities will be reduced and employment in the commercial aviation industry will decline. Thus, these proposals will alienate our smaller communities even more.

We cannot afford any more job losses and we cannot afford to isolate regions of the country, especially at a time when the future of our country is at stake. We need policies that bind our country together. The smaller regions of this country have just as much of a right to quality air service as the larger centres of Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver.

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SALON DE LA FEMME

Mrs. Suzanne Duplessis (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Science and Technology)): Mr. Speaker, at the twenty-first Salon de la femme in Quebec City, 14 Quebec women received special honours.

They are: Claire Bonenfant of the *Fédération des femmes du Québec*; Mary Lamontagne, *S.O.S. grossesse*;

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Francine Roberge, *Fédération des infirmières*; Élisabeth Laliberté, *Viol-Secours*; Louise Clément-Tessier, *Association des femmes d'affaires du Québec*; Yolande Dumontier, *Carrefour familles monoparentales de Charlesbourg*; Agathe Léveillé, *Alliance professionnelle des infirmiers et infirmières*; Céline Dubé, *Association des religieuses pour la promotion de la femme*; Hughette Labrecque-Marcoux, *AFEAS*; Thérèse Légaré, *Centre femmes d'aujourd'hui*; Jacqueline Dumont-Robitaille, *Cercle de l'amitié de Saint-Romuald*; Noëlla Huot, *Cercle des fermières du Québec*; Cécilia Gaudet, *Réseau national d'action éducation-femmes*; and Denise Perreault, *Parents uniques*.

Each in their own way, these women have given freely of their time and energy to help other women make better lives for themselves, and I think they deserve our thanks and congratulations.

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AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, the shortage of air traffic controllers in Canada has caused them to take desperate actions in these desperate times. Witness last Wednesday when an air traffic controller had to shut down operations in Halifax due to chronic overwork.

Regrettably, the situation faced by our control tower operators is not an isolated or a regional one, but one of national implications. To make matters worse, the federal budget recently cut the air navigation system by \$48 million, further reduced it by 20 person years and also decreased the expansion of air traffic controllers by 43 per cent.

In terms of public safety, these cutbacks are absolutely absurd. I call upon the Minister of Transport to do three things. First, conduct an immediate and open public investigation into the Halifax occurrence; second, ensure that the full complement of air traffic controllers are hired as soon as possible; third, that the Minister of Finance reverse these budget cuts very quickly.

Given the recent developments, it is the Minister of Transport who is asleep on the job, not Canada's air traffic controllers.