

FISHERIES

STORM DAMAGE SUFFERED BY FISHERMEN IN NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Lawrence I. O'Neil (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Mr. Speaker, I rise to draw the attention of all Hon. Members of the House to special problems being experienced by Nova Scotia fishermen.

Over the weekend a storm damaged the boats and gear of fishermen in the region. I urge the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) to do all possible to ensure that his Department responds quickly to these special circumstances. Fishermen in my riding are just getting their fishing efforts under way and have been hit with this major set-back.

A second major problem for area fishermen is the absence of sufficient quota to ensure a full season of fishing. An agreement must be reached with the mobile fleets to ensure that fishermen living and fishing in 4 VSW are left some quota. Perhaps trip limits are the answer. I urge the Department of Fisheries to direct its officials to find an answer to this serious problem.

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[Translation]

AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

SITUATION IN MONTREAL—NEED FOR HELP FROM INTERESTED GROUPS

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval): Mr. Speaker, although over 40,000 jobs were created in Montreal in the last twelve months and the unemployment rate has gone down by 1.2 per cent, the Montreal region is still suffering the effects of an imbalance in economic development compared with other regions. To correct the situation we need the help of people in the community. The economic partners of our governments must make a commitment and get involved. Governments alone cannot do everything.

Montreal's economy will recover only if its leaders want it to recover. For instance, in Quebec, automobile production accounts for only 5 per cent, while the province buys more than 43 per cent of the automobiles produced in Canada. It is unthinkable that a country as industrialized as ours should not have a domestic automobile industry, spread equitably across the country. Why isn't Canada's automobile industry expanding? That is the question we must ask ourselves. We should stop expecting governments to do everything. Let's act now and the rest will take care of itself.

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[English]

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY STUDY

Mrs. Lucie Pépin (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I would like to share with all Canadians the results of an important study on adolescent pregnancy by Planned Parenthood of Ontario, entitled "Progress in Prevention".

[Translation]

The study's findings demonstrate how useful preventive action is. Sex education for children and family planning clinics are a must if we are to stop teenage pregnancies.

[English]

The study shows that access to voluntary termination of pregnancy services has not increased sexual irresponsibility and has not caused adolescent pregnancy to rise.

The authors of "Progress in Prevention" prove that the costs of not reducing adolescent pregnancy are enormous.

[Translation]

Government attempts to reduce the deficit by making cuts in preventive programs are self-defeating.

[English]

Treatment costs far exceed prevention costs and fail to address the causes of the problem.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, this is an excellent reason for promoting prevention programs. An ounce of prevention is . . .

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The 60 seconds are up.

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[English]

HEALTH

ORGAN TRANSPLANT DONATIONS—SUGGESTED CENTRAL REGISTRY

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, recent attention focused on the donation of human organs for transplantation has shed light on a serious defect in the process. At present many Canadians complete a donation card but fail to notify their family members or personal representatives. The consequence is that in many tragic deaths no steps are taken to implement the donation.

There is a simple solution. Organ donations could be recorded with the Canadian Police Information Centre and the donor fully identified. There is access to CPIC all day, every day, through police forces across the land. All that is needed is