

In the meantime, other Toronto area sites, including parts of Malvern and Vaughan, have been sold off to private developers at market prices. Land on two federally owned sites in Vancouver has been promised but not yet delivered.

It seems that this government is doing all right in terms of verbal skills. It is having trouble in the sandbox. It cannot seem to get anything built.

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GOVERNMENT OF ONTARIO

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, more on NDP hypocrisy. Back-flip Bob Rae scored a perfect 10 yesterday by performing a number of flawless flip-flop moves during Ontario's throne speech.

Believable Bob made myriad campaign promises to Ontario residents during the election campaign, promises such as 10,000 non-profit day care spaces along with subsidies for 10,000 families. He promised to expand community based health care and improve conditions for health care workers. He also campaigned on promises to increase the province's share of education.

What did Ontario get after voting for Reversal Rae and his promises? Nothing, except a lesson on the techniques of avoidance and flip flopping on important issues.

Whatever happened to the NDP promise of a tax for non-recyclable packaging? Where is the fund for low interest loans to home buyers, farmers, and small businesses, or the promise of strict rent controls?

For that matter, whatever happened to the self-proclaimed saviour of the little guy? The NDP abandoned all principles in its rush for power.

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[Translation]

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST RACISM

Mr. Jacques Vien (Laurentides): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to an initiative taken by college and university students.

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The Canadian Federation of Students has designated November 21 as a National Day of Action against Racism. This initiative reflects a firm resolve to counter the devastating effects of racism at all levels.

The students' action will continue beyond November 21, as students are encouraged to make the fight against racism a cause to support and defend, both within and outside the academic community.

I may also point out that this initiative is an admirable adjunct to the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination held on March 21 this year.

I therefore ask all members to support the students and show that they stand behind this initiative to eliminate the problem of racism in our society.

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ITALIAN CANADIANS

Mr. Mac Harb (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, the recent apology for the internment of hundreds of Italian Canadians during World War II was long overdue.

During the war, many Canadians of Italian origin fought and died for Canada. Ironically, some Italian Canadians were fighting for Canada even when their loved ones were interned as enemy aliens.

To add insult to injury, no internee was ever proven to have done anything to undermine this country. They were Canadians. They came to Canada because they knew this country offered freedom and hope.

The Liberal Party welcomes the recent apology to Canadians of Italian origin because it is a step toward easing the pain our fellow countrymen felt.

The Canada of today truly regrets having inflicted so much pain and suffering on innocent Canadians. As a country, we must learn from our mistakes and ensure that this will never, ever happen again.

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[Translation]

CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval West): Mr. Speaker, on the weekend it was reported that the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation had announced a budget cut of \$900,000 in the news department of the French network. The English network's budget remains intact. Why are Francophones once again being deprived in this respect? Hon.