

Freedoms, and the 50th anniversary of Quebec women's right to vote.

Today I am proud to emphasize the priority our government gives to women's economic and social development. Some of our initiatives show our serious commitment to women's progress: a 100 per cent increase in the number of women in decision-making jobs in the federal public service, the appointment of two women to the Supreme Court of Canada, the introduction of a pay equity program and now, for the first time in our history, a woman has just been appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada.

Mr. Speaker, this International Women's Day is designed to remind us all of the importance of equality and equity for women, a principle our government is strongly committed to.

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[English]

#### TRANSPORT

**Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, in the late seventies, a Manitoban was seriously harmed when a confidential Department of Transport report found its way into the files of the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation.

Mr. Ken Podolsky had been involved in a serious accident in 1976 and was cleared of responsibility by an RCMP investigation.

However, based on the Transport Canada report, a study to find out more about this kind of accident, and which guaranteed confidentiality and which was for the department's use only, the corporation came to the conclusion that Mr. Podolsky was 75 per cent responsible for the accident.

In a letter to me, the former Minister of Transport indicated that it is not clear how this report was released. I believe that the Minister of Transport has a responsibility to find out how this information got into the wrong hands. I would ask him to undertake a review of this case immediately. Canadians need to know that when their government guarantees confidentiality, it is a guarantee that can be trusted, that can be counted on.

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#### PENITENTIARIES

**Mr. John Brewin (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, this House often pauses to recognize distinguished or well-known Canadians who have died. On Sunday, a young Cree woman from Saskatchewan died in the prison for women in Kingston. She committed suicide. She was the third young, Saskatchewan woman in the prison for women who has committed suicide in the last year.

Two years after this institution was built in 1933, the first report that called for the end to this institution and the closing of it was published. Subsequently, there have been 10 reports that have called for its closure.

I ask the government and the new Solicitor General to make a firm commitment today on International Women's Day that this institution will be closed forthwith and that no longer will the women of Canada and the people of Canada have to put up with this institution. It is a national disgrace and it is time it was closed.

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[Translation]

#### CHILD CARE SERVICES

**Mr. Jacques Vien (Laurentides):** Mr. Speaker, on March 2, I had the honour to announce, in the name of the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Beatty), a contribution to the Saint-Jérôme junior college under the Child Care Special Initiatives Fund. The money will be used by the CEGEP de Saint-Jérôme to conduct its innovative project on video feedback aimed at developing a self appraisal method for day care workers. The workers would be able to monitor their interaction with children and to evaluate their own work.

The instruments will be tested in five day care centres.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that the CEGEP de Saint-Jérôme is the first French speaking junior college in the Quebec to offer a program for day care workers. The funded project shows once again that college's dynamic contribution to the improvement of day care services.