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## SPORTS

## TRIBUTE TO BEN JOHNSON, WORLD CHAMPION SPRINTER

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, one of the realities of this House is that the rhetoric of parliamentary debate tends to draw members into the use of superlatives more often than they should. The biggest and best all too often turn out to be not quite so large and, frankly, not that good.

There is one superlative I want to use today about which there is no question, that is, the fastest. It applies to Canada's Ben Johnson, the fastest human being in the world.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Angus:** Just a little while ago, Mr. Speaker, Ben Johnson lined up against the world's best sprinters and left them in his dust as he shattered the world record for the 100-metre dash. He covered the distance in only 9.83 seconds, shaving a full tenth of a second off the old record.

Ben is now back in Canada to receive the credit and the praise that he so justly deserves. He has carried his success with grace and with style.

I ask all members to join with me in congratulating Ben as he visits Parliament Hill today and to express our best wishes and our confidence in him for many future successes.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** I can say to our distinguished guest, Mr. Johnson, that while he was scheduled to be on the program a few minutes from now, the demonstration of affection and admiration that has been given to him is timely, is very sincere, and is very warmly meant.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## CANADA POST CORPORATION

## CUPW STRIKE—CALL FOR GOVERNMENT ACTION

**Mr. Stan Graham (Kootenay East—Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, they have done it to us again. For the second time in less than three months the powerful Canadian Union of Postal Workers is holding our country at ransom in an attempt to accomplish their own selfish goals.

Carefully planned rotating strikes, occurred in Victoria and Montreal today.

I have received calls from my constituents in Kootenay East—Revelstoke pleading for quick action to be taken by the Government. From our elderly citizens who are counting on monthly support payments to the businesses which demand a

reliable postal service, we will all suffer the effects of this totally irresponsible and selfish act by the postal union.

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Unions should not be allowed the freedom to disrupt a vital national service such as the Post Office. This action will only place undue hardship on innocent Canadians. The disruptive action taken by this union cannot and should not be tolerated. I strongly urge our Government to take decisive and immediate action to release the strangle-hold this national union has on our citizens.

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## ETHNIC AFFAIRS

## SEVENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ALLIED JEWISH COMMUNITIES SERVICES

**Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal):** Mr. Speaker, on Monday last Allied Jewish Communities Services held its 70th annual meeting and accounted for its stewardship of the 17 affiliated social educational and cultural institutions which guide, enable, and promote the interests and concerns of the Jewish community of Montreal.

Over 1,600 people attended, bore witness and paid tribute to the volunteer and professional leadership which has enabled the communal service organization to reflect the heart and soul of this very heterogeneous society.

From 1762 on Jews have made their home, and have become part of the fabric of the Canadian and Quebec society. Successive waves of immigrants, seeking safe harbour from discrimination or economic hardship, have come to Canadian shores, speaking a myriad of languages and reflecting diverse cultures.

We have become a bilingual, multicultural and yet highly identifiable minority in Quebec and in Canada. I salute AJCS on its 70th birthday for its enriching contribution to the development of outstanding leaders, both communal and civic, in all areas of life of our people in Canada, in Quebec and, in particular, in Montreal.

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## POLITICAL PARTIES

## COUNTER-REFERENCE TO INTELLIGENT WOMAN

**Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to make a correction to the statement made today by the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps).

I would like to draw attention to the fact that the wife of the Right Hon. Minister of External Affairs (Mr. Clark) is not a pretty girl, she is a fine, intelligent and beautiful woman in her