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This new production will ensure the continued viability of Inglis' Cambridge plant.

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AIRLINES

Mr. John Manley (Ottawa South): Mr. Speaker, in the days leading up to a federal Budget no region of Canada has as much at stake as the national capital because of the importance of the federal government presence to the economic health of this region. What we do not understand is why the federal government would prevent the national capital region from diversifying its economic base by refusing to permit the establishment of non-stop air service between the national capital and the United States mid-west.

The national capital is the fourth largest metropolitan area in Canada and is unique among Canadian cities in that it lacks service to a hub in the central U.S. It lacks single airline services to most large points in the central and western U.S. There is an airline ready, willing, and able to develop a route to the mid-west, and it is the only major city for which a non-stop route to Chicago is expressly precluded by the air bilateral agreement.

To diversify, this region needs high tech and tourism. Government science policy and the GST will not help but better air services will. When is this government going to stop acting as a puppet of the airlines and start caring about the people of this region. The government talks free trade but in this case is a co-conspirator with the Canadian airlines in the suppression of competition to the detriment of the national capital region.

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Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, yesterday we had an important debate in this House in which Parliament unanimously passed a motion reaffirming its commitment to support, protect and promote linguistic duality in Canada.

There was also an important debate at the Metropolitan Toronto Council at which that council, representing 2.2 million people, declared itself bilingual, in a 28 to 2 vote.

The Globe and Mail and *The Toronto Star* covered both these news items and gave them some prominence, but the CBC, our national broadcasting service, had nothing on the national news last night, and only a brief mention of the parliamentary debate on *The Journal*.

Why does the CBC give so much prominence to those minority views held by little places, with people with little minds and so little coverage to the Parliament of Canada and the largest municipality in Canada, when they say yes to Canada, and yes to bilingualism.

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Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, the CBC is intended to be a unifying force in this country, helping us to better understand each other. But *The National's* coverage of the language issue makes you wonder if the program staff have forgotten CBC's mandate.

When city councils in Sault Ste. Marie and Thunder Bay declared their cities English only, both *The National* and *The Journal* carried extensive, in-depth coverage. Yesterday, members of this House voted unanimously to support a resolution reaffirming our commitment to linguistic duality in Canada. It was a rare moment, a healing moment, yet *The National* virtually ignored it, giving this event only a brief mention in last night's news.

The CBC should not be a propagandist for any point of view, but balance is important, especially now when emotions are running high and the strains on unity are building. I hope the producers and editors at *The National* will take a fresh look at this issue and give at least as much coverage to unifying positive actions as it does to negative divisive ones.

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MEMBER FOR CHAMBLY

Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne): Mr. Speaker, during the recent election campaign in the riding of Chambly, the NDP candidate promised voters that he would defend Quebec, that he would defend their interests and support Meech Lake, and would do so although his party had unanimously rejected the Accord