

and fail to take advantage of the pluralism that has become one of the major elements of our Canadian social fabric, especially in the province of Quebec?

I hope the minister will take steps immediately to correct this oversight, and thus make his committee a more authentic reflection of today's Canada and present to the world an accurate image of what we are. We are very anxious to hear the government's response.

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[English]

### SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

**Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta):** Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of Small Business Week 1990, I would like to pay tribute to the small business community in Canada, and in particular, to small business in my riding of Delta, British Columbia.

The small business sector has created thousands of jobs and made a major contribution to the Canadian economy. Small and medium-sized businesses have spawned exciting ideas and a host of innovative products and services.

In Delta, we have many examples of new products and technology. Horizon Fibreglass has created a canopy for the safe transportation of seedlings used for reforestation. MST Products makes specially designed bicycle handle bars to allow cyclists to assume the most aerodynamic position for racing. Sentinel Vision Inc. has developed a unique technology to inspect seams in food and beverage cans for a more efficient quality assurance process.

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The federal government, through the Federal Business Development Bank, Western Economic Diversification, and other initiatives, has worked to foster an economic climate in which small business can grow.

Canadian entrepreneurs have seized the opportunities and created their own successes. Small Business Week 1990 celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit and drive behind the success of the small business sector in Canada.

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### UNITED NATIONS DAY

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce):** Mr. Speaker, today is United Nations Day and the beginning of UN Disarmament Week.

Faced with the threat of war in the Gulf region, it is imperative that the United Nations be given the support necessary to settle this horrible conflict.

This means we must work within the mandate of the United Nations to make it the co-ordinating body of any military or political action. Otherwise the world will miss this chance to consolidate a new approach to international conflict resolution and peacekeeping.

We must now, more than ever, reject the doctrine of "might is right" and adhere to the rule of law between nations. This could lead, not only to a peaceful resolution in the Gulf, but would help establish an important precedent to prevent and resolve future conflicts.

Let us use this terrible incident as an opportunity to reform and strengthen the United Nations.

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### TRIBUTE TO PREMIER OF QUEBEC

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, as an Anglophone member from Southern Ontario, I would like to congratulate the Premier of the province of Quebec, the hon. Robert Bourassa.

Last Friday, Mr. Bourassa categorically rejected independence for Quebec. He said that Quebecers do not want a Quebec passport and do not want to lose their citizenship. They don't want to lose Canada. Mr. Bourassa also said, with unaccustomed vigour, that he would not compromise Quebec's economic stability.

Personally, Mr. Speaker, I think we need Mr. Bourassa in this great debate on Canada, and as a Canadian, I say: bravo, Mr. Premier!

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[English]

### SRI LANKA

**Mr. Jim Karygiannis (Scarborough—Agincourt):** Mr. Speaker, the Government of Sri Lanka is in the process of committing genocide against the Tamil minority. In my riding there are many constituents of Tamil origin. I have