

I deplore this type of action by the Canadian government. In addition to the two industries which I have mentioned, my area is suffering from cross-border shopping.

It is with a great amount of regret that I see that the Neilson chocolate company—all the kids eat chocolate bars—is sending loads of chocolate bars to the United States where they are sold 20 cents cheaper per unit.

I urge the government to consider some of its actions and to provide economic relief for my area and my riding.

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#### HUMANITARIAN AWARD

**Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta):** Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I inform the House and also congratulate you on receiving the Humanitarian Award on Sunday from the Jewish community in Vancouver.

It was given to you for the work you have done over the years in assisting Jewish immigrants from Soviet Russia and the reuniting of many families and giving of new hope for many more.

It is interesting to note that from the original one's and two's, hundreds of thousands of Jews are now leaving Russia primarily to make new lives and homes in Israel, and also elsewhere.

It is also interesting to note this event was in the same week as the miraculous air-lift of 15,000 Ethiopian Jews to Israel. This completed Operation Moses, which was started over three years ago.

Congratulations on your well deserved award.

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#### CITY EXPRESS AIRLINES

**Hon. Herb Gray (Windsor West):** Mr. Speaker, in June 1986, Rick Brennan of *The Windsor Star* filed a request under access to information to get the safety records from the Ministry of Transport for City Express Airlines. He got these documents only after a delay of almost five years recently the longest delay in the history of the Access to Information Act.

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The request did not relate to personal information about an individual. Instead, it was about the record of safety of an airline used by thousands of people every week. Surely they and the public generally had a right to know promptly if the airline was meeting federal government safety standards and, if not, what the government was doing to enforce them.

The material that was finally released last week showed that City Express did not have a good record. More troubling, the information appeared to show that the ministry was not as vigorous as it should have been in ensuring that the airline lived up to these standards.

Also troubling was the admission by the lawyer for the Department of Justice that she did not vigorously pursue efforts to have this information released. This situation shows a need for a review of the existing law. It also shows the need for the government to begin actively applying the existing law.

Mr. Brennan and the *Windsor Star* are to be commended for their persistent efforts over the past five years, but these efforts should not have been necessary. The travelling public and all Canadians deserve better.

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#### THE CONSTITUTION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the minister in charge of constitutional reform is saying that he wants to involve the aboriginal people in the special committee next fall on trying to get a consensus on the Constitution. I think that is a very good move. I would like to see the minister elaborate in the House as to in what way or how he is going to involve the aboriginal people on that committee.

I also want to say that this establishes a bit of a precedent in that if we have the aboriginal people on the committee, I think we should expand it into a true constituent assembly and involve all kinds of other people that under-represented in our present system, such as visible minorities, the women of this country, poor Canadians and many other Canadians who are under-represented in the kind of political system that we have. If we are to have a true national consensus on the Constitution of this country, we can achieve that by having a truly national constituent assembly.