

negotiations with the provincial government and to move quickly to protect this region.

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#### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

**Mrs. Pierrette Ringuette—Maltais (Madawaska—Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, the leader of the Reform Party said last week that he will gore the Official Languages Act, therefore attacking our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, our Constitution, our history, our country.

To bring some perspective to the leader of the Reform Party's goring agenda, I want him to know that his goring expedition—

**The Speaker:** Order.

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#### KIDS SENSE WEEK

**Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean):** Mr. Speaker, April 27 through May 1, 1994 is Kids Sense Week across Canada sponsored by the International Council of Shopping Centres, a non-profit trade organization. Shopping centres across Canada as we know are significant contributors to the economy as well as entertainment centres and effective forums for public service programs.

This morning I was pleased to be at the Merivale Mall in Nepean along with kids and parents and police and others. We could see that the Merivale Mall and all other shopping centres are providing important community services. They are raising awareness of safety issues in conjunction with the national observance of Kids Sense Week.

I am delighted that this week is Kids Sense Week in Ottawa—Carleton and I encourage our young people and their parents or guardians to involve themselves in this vital community service activity.

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#### SARAJEVO

**Mr. David Iftody (Provencher):** Mr. Speaker, I want to bring to the attention of all members of Parliament a letter and a painting I received from a constituent of mine, a 7-year old girl whose name is Milaine Curé.

The painting depicts a house getting blown up by a tank and shot at by people with guns.

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The letter reads: "Dear Mr. Iftody, how can I help the children of Sarajevo? The children are very sick and they do not have any medication".

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We often forget how news can have a profound effect on our children. I felt the fear of this child by the madness and suffering that have resulted from this war. Yet, I also felt the promise of hope from our own children.

Canadians care and we will not abandon our duty as citizens of the world.

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[Translation]

#### PROVINCIAL ELECTION

**Mr. Gaston Leroux (Richmond—Wolfe):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Prime Minister could barely hide how anxious he is to take an active part in the coming election campaign in Quebec. What is disappointing is that he refused to promise publicly to abide by the spirit of the Quebec legislation on election expenses. The Bloc Québécois strongly deplores that the taxpayers are made to pay against their will, through their taxes, such breaches to democracy.

Also, in light of the Prime Minister's refusal, are we to understand that he intends to authorize massive, illegitimate expenses to be made in Quebec during the election campaign, as was done at the time of the 1980 referendum? We believe that the Prime Minister should take the advice of the Quebec Premier and mind his own business.

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[English]

#### BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC

**Mr. Jim Hart (Okanagan—Similkameen—Merritt):** Mr. Speaker, Sunday, May 1 will commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic across Canada. We will honour the Canadian veterans who fought so courageously and with such great sacrifice to keep the enemy from our shores and to gain control of sea lanes so that allied forces could bring World War II to an end.

We honour those who served in the RCAF coastal command, the Royal Canadian Navy and our merchant navy. During the bloody and bitter conflict in the Atlantic, each one made a vital contribution to destroying the German U-boat menace which extended from Britain right into the St. Lawrence.

They made possible the transport of vital troops and supplies to beleaguered Britain. Without their heroic efforts there would have been no Normandy landings on D-Day.

This year we commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II through the Canada Remembers program. This Sunday let every Canadian who cherishes freedom remember those who fought so well and who made the supreme sacrifice in the Battle of the Atlantic.