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## NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVES WEEK

**Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton):** Mr. Speaker, as everyone knows this is Co-Operatives Week. What better opportunity for the government in this special week to correct a serious wrong that has been done to the co-operative movement.

The GST leaves retail co-operatives at a decided disadvantage to their competition. All contributions to the share equity of co-operatives will be taxed. This is not so for their competition.

Services provided to local co-operatives by parent co-operatives will be taxed; not so with other similar retail businesses. To give an example, Co-Op Atlantic estimates the effects of the GST will give it a \$1.3 million dollar a year competitive deficit. The total impact on this tilted playing field on co-operatives will be astronomical. This is unfair.

The best solution for the government is to withdraw the goods and services tax. At the very least, the government should remove the negative effects of the GST on co-operatives. It is National Co-Operatives Week. The thousands of people who are employed by or depend on Canadian co-operatives are waiting on this government's response.

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## PORNOGRAPHY

**Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris):** Mr. Speaker, during the course of the last few years, I on behalf of many residents of Brandon—Souris have expressed in Parliament my concerns respecting the widespread sale of pornography which often features the sadistic exploitation of women and children.

I would like, therefore, to take note of a recent court decision in Ontario in which District Court Judge Hugh Locke sentenced what *The Globe and Mail* in Toronto described as a "Porn Seller" to an unprecedented six months in jail as well as levying a \$25,000 fine. According to the August 21, 1990 edition of *The Globe and Mail*, the publications in question contained "racial slurs and encouraged 'twisted deviates' to have sex with children and commit incest, rape and violence".

At a time when many contend that the judiciary is often too lenient, many of my constituents will enthusiastically applaud Judge Locke's decision.

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair):** Mr. Speaker, another Canadian, Richard Taylor, has won a Nobel Prize for physics, and we should be proud. Yet how can that pride not be tempered with regret and humiliation about the fact that he had to win that prize by working in the United States. Why? Because this country's pitiful support for science made it impossible for him to work here.

While Conservative government platitudes proliferate about the importance of research and development, its words speak far louder than its actions. Science in this country is suffering and thousands of Canadian workers are suffering because industrial jobs that can be saved only by new technologies are taking permanent flight to Mexico and the United States.

Dr. Taylor's prize, then, deserved and laudable though it may be, is just one more reminder of what *The Ottawa Citizen* headline said this morning: "We're behind and falling further behind in the area of science and technology—and nobody seems to care".

Canada, happy National Science and Technology Week.

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## PERSONS DAY

**Mr. Ken Hughes (MacLeod):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute to the achievements of women from Alberta, and particularly two women who lived in communities within my riding of MacLeod.

Today is the 61st anniversary of the Privy Council decision which recognized women as "persons" in the eyes of the law or the Persons case.

Louise McKinney of Claresholm in 1917 became the first woman elected to a legislature in the Commonwealth.