

NUTRITIONAL HEALTH

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, this morning I had the opportunity to meet with members of the Canadian Dietetic Association which represents more than 4,500 dietitians dedicated to helping Canadians toward better health.

They are concerned that Canadians are faced with food insecurity through shortages and limitations of choice. The CDA made hunger a priority issue. Food banks are the best evidence of food shortages.

According to the report released yesterday by the Canadian Advisory Council on the Status of Women, there are 2.8 million adults, many single-parent families headed by women, and over one million Canadian children living in poverty in 1986.

The CDA points out that there is a lack of information regarding many different aspects of the nutritional value and food intakes of the poor.

There is a growing recognition of the role of nutrition in the promotion of health and treatment of disease. Limited access to food can have a detrimental effect on physical and mental health.

I urge this government to take immediate action to adopt and promote the goal of food security for all Canadians and to combat the growing feminization of poverty.

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PARTAGE HUMANITAIRE

Mr. Jacques Tétreault (Laval-des-Rapides): Mr. Speaker, on May 29, more than 1,200 people attended the annual benefit supper of Partage humanitaire. Established in 1971, this non-profit agency, the oldest local agency of its kind in Laval, focuses exclusively on senior citizens and the handicapped. Mrs. Pierrette Patenaude, member of the Laval executive committee, was one of the agency's most committed and energetic founding members. General manager of Partage humanitaire from 1982 to 1990, Mrs. Patenaude is now honorary chairman, leaving Mrs. Carmelle Lefebvre as general manager.

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The services of this agency, enjoyed by more than 1,000 people in 28 institutions, are provided by 16 group leaders and about 350 casual volunteer workers—that in a nutshell, represents Partage humanitaire and its community involvement during the past year.

I am proud to see that the federal government supports this outstanding humanitarian cause through its job development programs.

Thank you, Partage humanitaire, and our thanks you to all those who make it possible!

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THE SENATE

Mr. Larry Schneider (Regina—Wascana): Mr. Speaker, I must voice my profound frustration with the actions of the Senate. Prior to 1984, there was only one incident of Senate obstruction. Since 1984, the Liberal-controlled Senate has blocked two supply bills, held up drug patent legislation, refugee legislation and a copyright bill.

More recently, the Senate has delayed the passage of the unemployment insurance bill for almost seven months. It has delayed the passage of Bill C-28 for close to six months. When the Senate received the GST bill, it decided to take a three week vacation. I have no doubt that with its return, active stalling will begin in earnest.

As part of the elected Parliament, I feel it impossible to fulfil my duties to my constituents when my attempts to carry out their wishes are continually frustrated by the other place. There must be Senate reform and it must come soon.

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SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): *Spasibo*, Mr. Speaker.

I rise to welcome the parliamentary delegation of the Supreme Soviet led by Rafik Nishanov, Chairman of the Soviet Nationalities of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

This visit is part of a regular exchange program between the Parliament of Canada and the Supreme Soviet. It follows the visit of last August to the Soviet