

Second, does supply management constitute a barrier to agricultural imports? Again, absolutely.

Third, does Canadian supply management distort total world agricultural trade? Not enough to care about.

Supply management and the higher consumer prices it brings is the cost of maintaining Canada's agricultural infrastructure. For my constituents, that cost is certainly worth it.

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PAEDOPHILIA

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, two days ago I received a letter from the Liberal member of Parliament for Scarborough West, the Official Opposition critic for the Solicitor General, purportedly on the subject of paedophilia and the charter of rights.

Upon closer examination, it became clear that the letter was thinly disguised hate literature directed at lesbians and gay men. The letter repeated that most—

Mr. Speaker: This is getting awfully close to a personal attack against that member. I do not know where the hon. member is going.

Mr. Robinson: Mr. Speaker, the letter repeated that most despicable stereotype that we prey on children, that we are child molesters. It was silent on far more widespread heterosexual paedophilia.

As a gay man, I want to tell you, Mr. Speaker, that it is these distortions that lead to the appalling levels of discrimination, harassment and violence among my community, a community already devastated by the epidemic of AIDS.

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I therefore call upon all members of this House, particularly the leader of the Liberal opposition, to join me in strongly condemning this hate literature and in reaffirming our commitment to a Constitution and to a Canada in which all people including lesbians, gay men, and bisexuals are treated with full equality, respect and dignity.

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, once again, the Beauce region in Quebec takes charge of its destiny. Three major partners in the region have decided to create an institute for international trade, to be located at Chaudière—Appalaches. I am referring to the network for business expansion, the Beauce economic council and the Beauce—Appalaches CEGEP.

Being aware how difficult it is for small businesses to carve out a niche for themselves and to compete on international markets, since most businesses do not have all the necessary resources, these socioeconomic partners decided to provide the region's entrepreneurs with a full range of services focusing on international trade: reception and information, consulting, training, prospecting and international marketing.

This is another example of the imaginative and energetic approach of this region to developing entrepreneurship.

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MAIL ORDER INDUSTRY

Mr. Jim Peterson (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, for the past six years the American mail order industry received a free gift from the Conservative government.

This government has allowed U.S. firms to ship goods valued under \$40 into Canada free of all taxes and charges. However, the Americans have been charging Canadians \$8.40 U.S. for every such shipment made by Canadians into the United States. This has cost Canada over 4,000 jobs and \$260 million in lost sales.

This insanity is just one more example of how this government has favoured Americans at the expense of Canadian jobs.

Today, six years later, this government has finally decided that Canadians deserve a chance. They are bringing in measures which we hope will provide reciprocity for the Canadian mail order industry.

Canada must charge the Americans the same fees that they charge Canadians for shipping into the United States. Instead of exempting U.S. shipments under \$20