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The statement is signed by Elaine Fox, Chairperson of the Youth Steering Committee of the New Democratic Party; Johnathan Schneiderman, President of the Young Liberals of Canada; and Irene Porter, President of the Progressive Conservative Youth Federation.

All Members of Parliament should salute these young people for their courage and should take heed of their very important message.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

LETTER CARRIERS' STRIKE—EFFECT ON PUBLIC AND BUSINESS

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, the Government of Canada gave the workers of Canada Post the right to strike, and now we have a legal strike that can continue indefinitely or until agreement is reached.

In the meantime, Canada Post, the workers, and their families are inconvenienced, but the real sufferers will be the people of Canada—individuals, families, and small businesses.

The last long strike by Canada Post employees caused several businesses to go bankrupt. In other words, a strike injures the innocent third parties, in this case the people, the industry, the farmers, and the businesses. Strikes and lock-outs once had their place, but today the wrong people suffer because of them.

Businesses, industry—everybody depends on getting and receiving their mail, and the country cannot operate without a good postal system. Canada Post is an essential service. Once this legal strike ends, I recommend that the right to strike and the right to lock out workers by Canada Post be withdrawn and a system be set up that will be fair to the workers, the employer, and to the Canadian people.

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SEAMANSHIP

NOVA SCOTIAN'S TRIUMPHANT GLOBAL VOYAGE

Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton—The Sydneys): Mr. Speaker, the House of Commons, Nova Scotians, and all other Canadians will want to congratulate John Hughes, a Nova Scotian who, on Sunday, arrived back in his home port of Halifax-Dartmouth. He had successfully achieved his goal of travelling around the world by sea, a trip of 27,000 nautical miles.

Mr. Hughes was voted as the most courageous and inspirational participant in the race for the BOC Spirit of Challenge Award. What made his voyage outstanding was his ability to overcome an enormous obstacle—the loss of his mast—by fastening a jury-rigged sail. With his makeshift mast, only 80

square feet of sail, John Hughes travelled from the southeast of New Zealand for an incredible 4,400 miles around Cape Horn to the Falkland Islands. His achievement is outstanding.

By the time he reached his final destination, his trip totalled 224 days, 13 hours, 55 minutes, and 24 seconds. John Hughes arrived in Newport, Rhode Island, in time for the awards dinner on May 30, 1987. His perseverance and courage in his yacht, *The Joseph Young*, were recognized by the playing of the Canadian National Anthem.

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TAX SYSTEM

TAX REFORM—OBJECTIVES

Mr. Clément M. Côté (Lac-Saint-Jean): Mr. Speaker, in a few hours the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) will table the long-awaited tax reform project. Once again, by revamping the tax system, we will honour one of the major election commitments made in September 1984.

A number of tax reforms have already been made over the past two years. However the present system still weighs too heavily on individual taxpayers, a situation we have inherited from the previous administration. The only way to improve the situation is to strengthen our economy and create jobs. This happens to be one of the first objectives of the reform.

Canadians want a fairer, less complicated and more understandable tax system, a system which more faithfully reflects our commitment to economic growth and social justice. We can achieve our objectives by taking a concerted and comprehensive approach to the removal of unproductive tax privileges, the review of corporate taxation and federal sales taxes, and through reform propositions based of past progress.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

SOUTH KOREA—LIST OF VIOLATIONS

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, Canada can no longer continue to promote vigorous trade ties with South Korea while ignoring the brute force imposed by the vicious dictatorship of President Chun Doo Hwan. We cannot turn a blind eye to the scores of human rights abuses documented by Amnesty International, or to the military force used to suppress the cries of students, religious leaders and others who are fighting for democratic reform,