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Forest work		
– silviculture	2,387,510	2,828,650
– roads/bridges	1,237,630	1,200,770
– other*	126,150	226,000
– supervision	337,640	413,300
sub-total (federal)	4,088,930	4,668,720
TOTAL (federal and provincial)	5,707,188	6,517,064

* This refers to other activities such as management plan preparation, surveying and renewal of boundary lines and fire pond construction.

[English]

Mr. Danis: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN UNDER S. O. 52(1)

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, I rise today under the provisions of Standing order 52, to seek leave to adjourn the House for an emergency debate.

Canadian women are alarmed at the evidence of a rising tide of attitudes which makes light of the issue of violence against women. Two incidents in particular have underscored the spread of this dangerous view. One is the high profile rugby party which made light of the Montreal massacre of young women. A floor plan of the scene of the murder was uncovered with drawings marking the spots where the women fell. Toy guns were passed around to participants.

The second incident was a newsletter circulated by the B.C. Ministry of Tourism which offered an excuse for the massacre. It read: "Who knows why he did it? The thought immediately occurred to me that he might have been a man whose child had been aborted by a feminist and that might have been enough to trigger a terrible response".

• (1230)

I am sure there are other members of the House who share my concern that, since that last time you were asked to consider an emergency debate on attitudes toward women and violence against women, the situation has only grown worse.

I submit that a debate is needed to bring to the attention of the public, of members, and of the government the need to increase programs and initiatives to counter these attitudes. Because many of these women's centres which undertook this education work have had to close their doors in the past weeks, this can only be viewed as an emergency facing the women of Canada.

SPEAKER'S RULING

Mr. Speaker: First of all, I want to thank the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby for giving me notice well in advance of this application. As hon. members will know, the hon. member for New Westminster—Burnaby has been pursuing this matter with great diligence, not just in the last few hours, but for a long period of time.

I do want to indicate to the hon. member that when she raised this question yesterday in the House during Question Period, and I was forced only for procedural reasons to ask her to put her question, my intervention, which I would have preferred not to have had to make, especially on this issue, was strictly procedural.

I commented yesterday to the hon. member that I know something about the club and the place where this terrible incident happened. The hon. member indicates that she also is familiar with the club, its members and the place. So, as your Speaker, I have a sense of personal anguish over that particular incident and, of course, others. There is no question in this House how we all feel about the terrible event in Montreal, and the many other things to which the hon. member and other hon. members have referred.

The hon. member has asked for an emergency debate. I want it very clearly understood by hon. members and also the public that it is sometimes difficult for a Speaker to adequately explain why an emergency debate might not be granted when the issue is of such terrible importance to the country, as is this. There is no question in this House among all fair-minded members, and I think among decent people across the country, that this issue is of very great importance to us. It affects our