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NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING

Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth): Mr. Speaker, following on the previous remarks of the other member, each year scores of Canadian men and women are killed or injured as a result of work place accidents or they suffer from industrial disease.

Today, April 28, is the national day of mourning for workers who have died, who have been injured or who have suffered from diseases as a result of unsafe workplaces. I would like all hon. members, employers and workers to remember that progress and prosperity must never be paid for with the lives and the well-being of workers.

As one of Hamilton's members of Parliament who is proud to include the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety, I want to honour and pay tribute to the workers of Canada and the contribution they make to our country.

No one is immune to the dangers of an unsafe work environment, but together we can make a difference. Let us make sure that occupational safety and health becomes a daily challenge and a reality to all of us.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, I want to encourage Winnipegers, Manitobans and indeed all Canadians to help kick cystic fibrosis, a debilitating hereditary disease which affects thousands of Canadian children and prevents them from participating in a full range of daily activities.

I urge Manitobans to join the Blue Bomber kicking team at the 18th annual Kinsmen and Kinette bike-athon in support of cystic fibrosis research. The event will be taking place on Saturday, May 9, 1992 at St. Vital park beginning at 10 a.m. It is presented by the Kinsmen and Kinette clubs of All Saints.

Pledge forms are available at St. Boniface and St. Vital Safeway stores.

One in two thousand babies is born with cystic fibrosis, the most common fatal genetic disorder in Canada.

Together we Canadians along with clubs such as the Kinsmen and the Kinettes can provide additional research to conquer this dreaded disease.

FIREARMS REGULATIONS

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore) Mr. Speaker, the new firearms regulations now before this House leave some questions unanswered.

For example storage provisions require that firearms now be stored in a place "that cannot be easily broken into". What does that mean and in whose opinion? Will firearms owners have to purchase special storage equipment for several hundred dollars or will common sense prevail?

Similarly, many guns and clips will have to be converted to correspond to the new requirements. What is the time frame within which these conversions must take place and who will bear the cost, those who have demanded the changes or those who are required to make them?

These regulations have brought back several of the concerns that were removed from Bill C-17 in order to get it through this House. Regrettably regulations like laws must be reasonable and make sense if they are going to be adhered to by the population.

PROPERTY RIGHTS

Miss Deborah Grey (Beaver River) Mr. Speaker, last fall the government indicated to Canadians through its "Shaping Canada's Future Together" proposals that it was considering entrenching property rights in the Constitution.

What has happened? It would seem that the Tories no longer support the idea and instead have embraced the concept of a social charter as proposed by the NDP.

I entreat this government to reconsider its refusal to entrench property rights in the Constitution. My constituents of Beaver River have demanded through a survey conducted in my riding that limits be placed on the now unrestrained capacity of Parliament to enact laws which deprive people of their property arbitrarily, unfairly and without compensation.