

Canadians are going to be howling mad when they hear that the government has built a dog house for 10 dogs for the less than humble cost of \$375,000. That is \$37,500 for each of the salivating residents of this luxury pad.

Canadians have been telling members of this government to keep their paws off their money. Instead the Tories dogmatically go on wasting tax dollars. Their behaviour is almost Pavlovian.

The political animals across the way are barking up the wrong tree if they expect Canadians to swallow this one.

This time the Tories have bitten more than they can chew. This could well turn out to be a dog's breakfast for them. Tory members of Parliament better watch out the next time they go near a "pole".

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[Translation]

DISABLED PERSONS

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, since this is National Access Awareness Week, Integrating Persons with Disabilities, I would like to stress the dedication of many volunteers and agencies in my riding, including the Office des personnes handicapées du Québec, whose headquarters are located in Drummondville, and the Drummondville association for the disabled.

During this week I urge all Canadians to take active measures at the national, regional and local levels to eliminate the barriers encountered by more than 3 million disabled persons, and facilitate access for the disabled to employment, housing, transportation, education and recreation.

Mr. Speaker, as individuals or organizations, as small businesses or large corporations and governments, we should all consider this year's theme—Access is a right—and think about what we can do to make our communities accessible to all persons with a disability.

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[English]

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Mr. Speaker, last evening I attended a reception to commemorate Amnesty

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International's 30th anniversary. There I met many people committed to ensuring that all people have basic human rights.

As opposition critic for human rights, I rely heavily on Amnesty International for information.

The organization, though non-partisan, has provided invaluable assistance and information to all parliamentarians involved in the advocacy of human rights.

I think back to a recent incident in which I worked with Amnesty.

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Two Jamaicans were to be executed, contrary to articles 14 and 7 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. I, on behalf of Amnesty, appealed to the minister to intervene on behalf of those prisoners. As a result of this, the execution of these two men was stayed.

The 45,000 Canadians who volunteer with Amnesty must feel immense satisfaction with their work.

On behalf of my colleagues in this House, I would like to salute the 45,000 Canadians who work unselfishly to achieve basic human dignity for all people around the world.

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[Translation]

AIR CARRIERS

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, a report submitted to the National Transportation Agency of Canada has concluded that the lack of consistent policies among large air carriers regarding services for the disabled may unduly restrict their travels.

The NTA has ordered air carriers to react to this conclusion within thirty days and to comment on the steps the NTA intends to take to remedy the situation.

If the remedy is approved by the NTA, standards for the transportation of disabled persons on board aircraft seating 30 passengers or more will be applied. These standards would come into effect on August 1, 1991.

Mr. Speaker, this conclusion was the result of a preliminary report submitted by two investigators who were asked by the NTA in October 1990 to survey the situation. The purpose of their investigation is to ex-