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[Translation]

TRAGIC SITUATIONS

Mr. Jean-Pierre Hogue (Outremont): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank you for this opportunity to offer, on behalf of all residents of the riding of Outremont which I have the honour to represent in this House our sincere condolences to the families and friends who have suffered a tragic loss and are going through a time of great sorrow. What happened was unheard of in this country, and I am sure the memory will remain with members of the campus community for many years.

Mr. Speaker, as a member of this academic community, I would like to add that I and my colleagues in the House wish to offer our support after this unthinkable occurrence.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps you will allow me to observe a moment of silence, during the seconds I am allowed, to honour the memory of these young people, Canadian hopes that died in such terrible circumstances.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member will recall that later on this afternoon, the House will observe a minute of silence to meditate on this tragedy of which he spoke with such emotion. I am, of course, prepared to mark this occasion by observing a moment of silence to honour the memory of the victims.

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[English]

HUMAN RIGHTS

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, representatives of the Taiwanese Canadian community in Canada have joined their voices in front of Parliament today to express their deep concern about the situation of Mr. Yi-Shih Leo, a Canadian of Taiwanese origin who is currently imprisoned in Taiwan.

Mr. Leo has been one of the leaders of the movement for democracy and justice in Taiwan and was harassed during an earlier visit to Taiwan in August of this year.

I would call upon the Secretary of State and appeal to the Secretary of State for External Affairs to voice Canada's concern about the treatment of Mr. Yi-Shih Leo. I would as well urge him to call upon the Taiwanese government to end its harassment of Canadian citizens who are seeking visas to visit Taiwan. Too often these visas are delayed or denied for no reason whatsoever.

We all call for full protection of human rights in Taiwan where there have been too many abuses of human rights. We join with the appeal of Mrs. Leo and the Taiwanese Canadian community in urging the Government of Canada to speak out most strongly for the release of this defender of human rights in Taiwan.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ECONOMIC REGIONS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Beauséjour): Mr. Speaker, this Tory Government once more missed the boat in its in depth revision of UI economic regions in New Brunswick. I had asked the Minister in charge to separate Moncton's urban area, with an 8.2 per cent unemployment rate, from the rural area where the rate is 19.4 per cent.

The new redistribution separates the Kent rural area from Moncton's urban area. But the Westmorland rural area, where unemployment is very high, is still part of Moncton. This perpetuates the existing injustice. Let the Government treat Moncton separately, as it does the majority of other urban centres like Trois-Rivières, Sherbrooke, Hull, Saskatoon and Regina.

[English]

I urge the government to correct this injustice to the people of rural Westmorland. These people also live in a high unemployment area, an area comparable to Kent County. It is grossly unfair to the people of rural Westmorland to be treated differently than the people of Kent County.

I call on the government to rectify this situation without further delay.