

[English]

CHARTER OF RIGHTS

EXTENSION OF PROTECTION TO UNBORN CHILDREN URGED

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal): Mr. Speaker, in 1981 I spoke during the Constitution debate and urged that the rights of the unborn child be included in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I still believe that an unborn child must be accorded every right to protection as accorded those who can speak in their own defence.

Undoubtedly there are instances where the life of the mother is at risk, and I believe that her right to life must be given priority. However, the killing of an unborn child as a method of birth control is unacceptable to me and to a great number of Canadians. I urge the Government to take the appropriate action to include the rights of an unborn child in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

LIBERAL AND NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTIES—EYEING EXERCISE

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, the Liberals have now had their first meeting of the Committee to Look at the New Democratic Party. It is called the first meeting and, therefore, presumably there will be others, despite the denials of the Hon. Member for Hamilton East (Ms. Copps) that NDP watching is now going to be one of her favourite pastimes.

We in the NDP are considering striking a Committee to Look at the Liberals, but we would hold such meetings in public where both the public and certain prominent Liberals would be invited to appear. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) this morning on *Canada AM* said he knows where the tax loopholes are. He could explain that he knows because he created many of them when he was Finance Minister. Judy Erola, the new paid spokesperson for the drug multinationals, could be invited to explain the real Liberal policy on generic drugs. Or the Hon. Member for Winnipeg—Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy) and the Hon. Member for St. Henri—Westmount (Mr. Johnston) could be invited to explain the Liberal view of free trade. Referees would be invited to this meeting.

Actually, Mr. Speaker, there was a committee that looked at the Liberals. A committee of the whole country looked at the Liberals in 1984 and threw them out of office. That same committee is now getting ready to throw out the Tories and, instead of going back to the Liberals, is looking to the NDP as the only genuine choice for a hopeful political future. That is why the Liberals are meeting, Mr. Speaker, but no amount of meetings will make the choice between Tweedledum and Tweedledee any less unattractive than it already is.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

ALBERTA FEDERATION OF WOMEN UNITED FOR THE FAMILY

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, yesterday in this House a Member of the New Democratic Party criticized the Secretary of State (Mr. Crombie) for giving a grant to the Alberta Federation of Women United for the Family. I was disgusted, astonished, mystified, angry, horrified, shocked, alarmed, terrified, and almost mortified when I heard the remarks of the NDP Member.

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The Alberta Federation of Women United for the Family is an organization urging and supporting high principles of life, working to keep families together and to avoid divorce, promoting the family and the equality of women in their family circle, stressing the extraordinary importance of child care and the need to look after the elderly in a dignified way, and fighting to give every unborn child created by God a chance to be born and to live. They deplore abortion on demand, something which murders thousands of unborn babies every year in Canada.

To this splendid group of women, the NDP would deny a grant. I say to this Federation: "Keep up the good work. You are upholding the principles that made this country great".

The Secretary of State of Canada should be thanked, complimented, honoured, praised, congratulated, admired, acclaimed, extolled and lauded for making this grant to such a splendid group of women.

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[Translation]

THE BUDGET

GENERAL IMPACT

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, the Conservative Government is now going to take it out on children. Yesterday afternoon the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) announced that, as of July 1, 1987, granola bars, ice cream and so many other candies and snack foods which children like so much will be taxable.

In this document which does not deserve to be described as a Budget, there is nothing for families, the elderly, and young people.

As of today, however, car drivers pay one cent more for a litre of gas, a total increase of four cents. Ever since the Conservatives and the Mulroney-Wilson tandem took over, all Canadians have been held hostages through these tax increases on fuel and the lack of energy policy of the Government.

Smokers have again been the victims of this Government which taxes, taxes, and taxes again.