

expediency. How the Minister deals with the Sunshine Village expansion proposal will be an important test of the Minister's personal commitment and that of the Conservative Government to protect and preserve our national parks.

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THE CONSTITUTION

RECOGNITION OF QUEBEC AS DISTINCT SOCIETY

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, on the very first Canada Day in 1867, the Quebec newspaper *La Minerve* said: "The new Constitution recognizes the French Canadians as a distinct and separate nationality. We constitute a state within a state. We enjoy the full exercise of our rights and the formal recognition of our national independence".

By recognizing Quebec as a distinct society, by giving it and other provinces a first right of refusal over changes in the House of Commons, Senate and Supreme Court of Canada, by limiting the federal spending power in areas of provincial jurisdiction, and by giving the provinces a formal voice in immigration policy and Supreme Court of Canada appointments, the Meech Lake Accord has acknowledged and confirmed the principles set out in *La Minerve* in 1867. Those are principles on which Quebec understood that it had entered Confederation in the first place. Those principles have had their opponents in the past and they still have them today, but without those principles there would be no Canada.

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CHILD CARE

POSITION OF LIBERAL PARTY

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, society has changed dramatically in the past 20 years. Today, less than one in six Canadian families fits the traditional family pattern of the wife at home with the children and the husband out working. Many families are headed by single parents, most of whom are young mothers.

Inadequate child care is not just a woman's issue. It is not just an issue for parents. It is an issue for all of us, including parents, employers, Governments—all Canadians. I believe that all of us have a responsibility and a duty to be part of the solution.

We in the Liberal Party believe that an adequate, affordable, accessible, quality child care system must be based on two principles: sharing the burden, and providing choices for the pre-schooler as well as the latchkey school-aged child.

Our Party has put forward a realistic and responsible solution in the Liberal pocket paper on child care which can be

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obtained from our office or the office of the Member for Outremont (Mrs. Pépin).

Liberals view child care as a support to good parenting, not a substitute for it. In our program, the parent's role is paramount. It is time that the federal Government showed some leadership on this issue.

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STATUS OF WOMEN

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY—GOVERNMENT'S EMPHASIS ON TRAINING FOR WOMEN

Mrs. Mary Collins (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, once again I want to emphasize to the House the great importance that the Government places on the achievement of economic equality for women. A major step forward in this regard occurred last November at the First Ministers' Conference in Vancouver. At that time, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and Premiers endorsed a labour force strategy which has a particular emphasis on training for women. Next month, federal, provincial and territorial Ministers responsible for the status of women will be meeting with Ministers responsible for labour market matters to elaborate on this strategy.

Our Government is also addressing women's employment needs through the Canadian Jobs Strategy. For the first time ever, our national employment and training strategy includes targets for the participation of women and a particular emphasis on women re-entering the job market. These two measures, along with many others introduced by the Government, will go a long way to promote the full participation of women in all sectors of economic activity.

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PORNOGRAPHY

VANCOUVER GROUP'S OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, over the week-end in Vancouver I met with a group called The Coalition on Pornography. It is made up of representatives of the Anglican Church, University Women's Club, Justice Institute, the Junior League, the North Shore Women's Centre, and the Periodical Review Board.

This group was formed to fight pornography and get the Government to bring forward legislation against it. Ironically, they now find themselves fighting the legislation because it goes too far and has, in effect, as its basic premise, that all sex is dirty. I want to bring their representations to the House and urge the Government to bring forward reasonable legislation that combats real pornography but recognizes that sexuality is a part of life in Canada.