

its natural gas transmission. With natural gas deregulation I was concerned that third parties would not be allowed access to TransCanada's pipeline on the same basis as TransCanada's marketing affiliate.

One of the major impediments was TransCanada's proposal to charge each third party \$12,600 per month per contract for those wishing to ship natural gas through TransCanada's pipeline. This proposed charge was rescinded on November 10. Rescinding this charge benefits consumers and producers alike, consumers by giving them access to lower-priced gas and producers by allowing them market access.

TransCanada must be complimented on the removal of this impediment to a freer gas market.

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### CANADA POST CORPORATION

#### INCREASED COST OF MAILING *PRESBYTERIAN RECORD*

**Ms. Sheila Capps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, the Conservative Government talks about supporting the family, volunteers, and the church. I had a visit to my office last week from someone from the *Presbyterian Record* who pointed to a situation in which, because of changes in Canada Post, the publication faces a financial crisis of major proportions. At one time the publication had second-class mailing privileges. Up until October of this year the cost of mailing the *Presbyterian Record* to every Presbyterian in Canada who subscribed to it was \$3,600 per month. As of last month the cost increased to over \$17,000 per month.

This is the effect the change in designation has had on one church, one voluntary organization. But there are hundreds of other voluntary organizations facing the same problem. They will have to cut back on communicating with their members because of the negative policies of Canada Post and the negative policies of the Government.

I urge the Minister to intervene to force Canada Post to permit second-class mailing privileges for voluntary and church organizations.

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### WOMEN

#### THREE WOMEN APPOINTED TO SENATE

**Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis):** Today, Mr. Speaker, I wish to extend congratulations to Mrs. Spivack, Mrs. Rossiter and Mrs. Cochrane for their recent Senate appointment. By selecting three women to fill these Senate vacancies, the Prime Minister of Canada has highlighted the work and dedication of

women within community organizations, the teaching profession, and social planning agencies.

Mr. Speaker, our Government did nothing more than acknowledge the wide-ranging experience of these women, something the private sector has already done since all three sit on boards of directors or are associated with various companies.

Mr. Speaker, it so happens that, since September 1984, 40 per cent of this Government's Senate appointees have been women. And the Progressive Conservative Government did honour its commitment by increasing to 25.1 the percentage of women on federal commissions, agencies and councils.

This is an unparalleled achievement, Mr. Speaker, and our Government will continue to appoint women to positions for which they are ideally suited.

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### ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

#### SENTENCING OF LAWYER FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, on November 6 Toronto lawyer Harry Kopyto was sentenced for the criminal offence of contempt by scandalizing the court. The scandal was not Mr. Kopyto's remarks about the apparent tendency of the courts to favour police in civil and criminal matters, but, rather, his conviction under this archaic and dangerous law.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order! Order!

**Mr. Speaker:** I think the Hon. Member knows that it is inappropriate—

**Mr. Forrestall:** No, he doesn't know.

**Mr. Speaker:** —to attack in this Chamber a conviction by the court. If the Hon. Member wishes to attack the law, that is, of course, open to him. I would ask him to complete his statement keeping in mind the admonition of the Chair.

**Mr. Robinson:** Mr. Speaker, the law in question denies the defence of truth. It is a clear violation of Harry Kopyto's right to freedom of speech as guaranteed by the Charter of Rights. Harry Kopyto should have been the last person charged under this repressive law.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order! Order!

**Mr. Robinson:** To this end, I plan to introduce a Private Members' Bill to repeal this offence in the Criminal Code. As well, I call upon the federal Attorney General (Mr. Hnatyshyn) to grant immediately a full pardon and vacate the conviction of Harry Kopyto who has so courageously fought this battle against this unjust law on behalf of all Canadians.