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goes totally against one of Canada's most profoundly respected values, the respect for democracy.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Bob Ringma (Nanaimo—Cowichan): Mr. Speaker, today at noon debate began on a motion to amend the Official Languages Act.

The motion put forward by the Reform Party would not eliminate bilingualism or the Official Languages Act but would make implementation of the act more practical and cost effective.

We realize this issue is a sacred cow for the Liberals as they are the authors of the act. However, we call on the government to set its prejudices aside and listen to the points we make in an objective and fair manner.

The Prime Minister often states in this House that Reform is against official bilingualism and wants to eliminate it. This is simply not true. We are merely against the implementation of an cost attitude of the current and former governments.

I ask for hon. members opposite to listen carefully to what we are saying today on this issue and put aside the rhetoric—

The Speaker: The time has expired. The hon. member for Fredericton—York—Sunbury.

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Mr. Andy Scott (Fredericton—York—Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, today marks the 25th anniversary of the Official Languages Act in the province of New Brunswick.

We in New Brunswick are proud of the distinction of being the only officially bilingual province in Canada.

[*Translation*]

Over the last 25 years, significant progress was achieved by providing government services in both official languages to each linguistic community. Every day, we can witness the cultural, educational, social and economical benefits resulting from this change.

[*English*]

As the anglophone parents of two young children, my wife and I watch our boys grow up in an environment in which knowing both official languages and embracing both cultures is now the norm.

I know many join me in congratulating New Brunswick for its 25 years dedicated to the promotion of and leadership in official languages legislation in Canada.

YOUTH SERVICES

Mr. Ronald J. Duhamel (St. Boniface): Mr. Speaker, the red book said it and we did it: a youth employment strategy which includes Youth Services Canada, youth internship, a summer employment program, a youth learning strategy and the improvement of student loans.

[*Translation*]

I invite everyone to applaud this initiative which will translate into more jobs and a better future for young Canadians.

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[*English*]

SCHIZOPHRENIA

Mrs. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the members of the West Ottawa Rotary Club for their generous donation to research on schizophrenia.

They follow the fine example of Dr. Michael Smith's donation of half his Nobel Prize, \$.25 million, to schizophrenia research and the \$775,000 announced in his honour by our industry minister.

Schizophrenia strikes one in a hundred Canadians, usually in their late teens or early twenties. Forty per cent will attempt suicide. Ten per cent will succeed. The rest will occupy one in 12 of our hospital beds, live homeless on the streets, or represent a disproportionate share of the prison population. Yet schizophrenia receives only a small fraction of the research funds of many less prevalent diseases.

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I wear this iris today as the symbol soon to be adopted by the Canadian Schizophrenia Society in support of more awareness and research.

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FIREARMS

Mr. Lee Morrison (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia): Mr. Speaker, the anti-gun lobbyists would have us believe that Great Britain has been very successful in keeping its peasantry disarmed and docile. Tough gun laws work they say.

A couple of weeks ago I discussed this with a Scottish gun merchant. He told me: "Great Britain is awash with illegal arms. It is a lot quicker and easier to buy them in pubs than from me, and cheaper too because there are no sales or import taxes".