

in their homes. I congratulate organizations like Meals-on-Wheels, the Victoria Order of Nurses and Life Line that are active throughout Guelph—Wellington and that help our seniors stay in their homes for as long as possible.

Growing old should not mean having to leave the family home. Governments at all levels should encourage our seniors to remain in the family home where memories and stability provide comfort and support. We owe them no less than this.

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#### SEXUAL HARRASSMENT

**Mrs. Maud Debien (Laval East, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, an Ontario judge has ruled that General Motors Corp. did not act properly when it fired a supervisor for using offensive language and making sexual innuendos in the presence of five subordinate female employees. According to the judge, sexually explicit language was the norm in the GM security service.

Members of the Bloc Quebecois are concerned about the implications of such a decision on present and future cases when they go to trial. This decision implies that sexual harassment cannot be invoked when the culture of a given service or company allows this type of behaviour.

In 1987, the Supreme Court of Canada clearly established, in the Robichaud case, that employers are responsible for sexual harassment in the work place. The decision of this Ontario judge reduces the scope of the Supreme Court decision, and we find that regrettable.

This decision is a step backward in our fight for zero tolerance of sexual assault against women. We must oppose it.

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#### LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

**Miss Deborah Grey (Beaver River, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the hon. member for Lac-Saint-Jean and to say on behalf of my caucus how pleased we are that he is recuperating.

When I arrived at Edmonton International Airport on Thursday evening I received the news of his frightening illness. I was stunned, as were all Canadians. I lay awake almost all night thinking of him, praying that he would live through the night and that the doctors treating him would have real wisdom.

I will always remember the years that the Leader of the Opposition and I sat side by side in the House, from the summer of 1990 until the election of 1993. We talked about the birth of his two sons, Alexandre and Simon. His eyes would light up when he spoke of them, of the incredible joy they have brought to him and his wife, Audrey.

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This disease ravages those whom it affects. Mr. Bouchard's life has been spared and it seems nothing short of miraculous.

Good luck, Lucien. We continue to pray for your recovery. God bless you.

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#### ETHANOL

**Mr. Gar Knutson (Elgin—Norfolk, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the recent trade mission the government led to the People's Republic of China has been a great success.

One of the agreements signed by Canadian business while in China was the building of an ethanol plant. The people of China will benefit greatly from ethanol. So will the environment of Asia, Chinese farmers and industry. This technology can also benefit Canada.

The proposed ethanol plant to be located at Chatham, Ontario will ensure that this country does not have to rely on foreign produced ethanol and, as in China, our agricultural industry will be able to count on a stable consumer of corn.

Ethanol makes economic and environmental sense. I praise the Chinese government for showing interest in this technology.

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#### CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

**Mrs. Marlene Cowling (Dauphin—Swan River, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Wheat Board is a winner.

Prairie farmers have overwhelmingly demonstrated their confidence in the Canadian Wheat Board by electing 10 strong supporters of the agency to its 11 member advisory board. They have rejected the efforts of a small but vocal group that wanted to weaken the board and implement a dual marketing system. Their vote was a sweeping endorsement of the board and single desk selling.

It is a recognition of the outstanding job that the wheat board has done selling Canadian grain, expanding export markets and working with farmers to make Canada a world leader in agricultural production.

The message from farmers is clear. The future of Canadian agriculture must include a strong Canadian Wheat Board.

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#### ST. LAWRENCE SEAWAY

**Mr. Roger Gallaway (Sarnia—Lambton, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, a recent subcommittee report highlighted our under usage of the St. Lawrence seaway system.

It is my hope the justice department will approve the proposal submitted to it by interested operators to allow cruise ships to sail the lakes. With 14 million Americans within a one-hour