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refiners use less intensive refining which also cuts down on other types of emissions that hurt the environment. In Saint John which has the biggest oil refinery in Canada this is important.

The environment minister with Bill C-94 wants to remove MMT from Canadian gas because she says it will harmonize Canada's standards with the U.S. where MMT is not used. She has also stated that automakers claim that MMT harms their onboard diagnostic systems. Independent studies and American courts have said that there is no such link. Within weeks MMT will be used in U.S. refineries.

I ask the minister to stop Bill C-94 as Canada's gasoline standards would no longer be—

The Speaker: The hon. member for York—Simcoe.

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QUEBEC REFERENDUM

Mrs. Karen Kraft Sloan (York—Simcoe, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the efforts of the no side during the referendum campaign.

The federalists have been responsible. We have presented a dream to Canadians. Our dream is of pluralism and tolerance. We want a Canada where our children learn to work together rather than build walls and become isolationists.

As of today we are witnessing a massive outpouring of love and support for the people of Quebec for a united Canada. People from all over Canada, including my riding of York—Simcoe, will be flocking by the thousands to Montreal on Friday to show their support for unity.

David Ducharm and Andrew Douris along with many other school children presented me with a petition calling for Quebec to remain part of Canada.

Better opportunity for our children and for the greater good of humanity is what federalism offers. For the sake of our children, for the love of our children, let us keep Canada together.

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[Translation]

BILINGUALISM

Mrs. Anna Terrana (Vancouver East, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the number of Canadians learning French has increased enormously in the past fifteen years. Thanks to the policy on bilingualism, thousands of young people across Canada are learning French. At first, the debate was fierce, but, little by little, Canadians learned the importance of bilingualism and of the French language.

And so, immersion classes started throughout Canada, and, in British Columbia, 3,000 kilometres from Quebec, many anglophone parents decided their children would learn the second language of their country and join with francophones outside

Quebec, who speak both English and French. We have come a long way. The policy on bilingualism has served our country well, and I would like to join the many Canadians who believe in a bilingual Canada and who continue to live together in harmony despite their race, colour and beliefs, and believe in a united Canada.

“Mon Canada inclut le Québec”. My Canada includes Quebec.

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NATIONAL UNITY

Mr. Pat O'Brien (London—Middlesex, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, on October 30, Quebecers will make a very important choice: saying yes to separation and to Canada's break-up or saying no to separation and to Canada's break-up. Canadians from all the other provinces hope that when the people of Quebec make their democratic decision, they will choose to remain in Canada.

The people in my riding of London—Middlesex feel that a majority of Quebecers will want to remain an integral part of this country we have built together. We think that they will vote no.

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REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN

Mr. Jean H. Leroux (Shefford, BQ): Mr. Speaker, at the No side rally in Verdun last night, the Prime Minister of Canada confirmed that he had nothing to offer Quebecers who are calling for change.

• (1405)

The Prime Minister of Canada is asking the people to trust him and says that he will never agree to any constitutional change without Quebec's consent. But how can we trust this man who, in 1982, agreed to the unilateral patriation of the constitution without Quebec's consent?

As Lysiane Gagnon wrote in today's *La Presse*: “It is too little, too late. Weeks and years too late”.

In the past few days, the no side has begged Canada to help it out, but its appeals have been in vain. At the very last minute, a panicky Prime Minister of Canada has entered the referendum campaign with empty hands. It is too little, too late. Quebecers will not be fooled; they will vote yes next Monday.

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QUEBEC REFERENDUM

Mr. John Cummins (Delta, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, Canadian historian Desmond Morton maintains that a nation is a people who have done things together in the past. It is not bound by language or by a common culture but by a shared experience.