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Enriched by the presence of native people and new arrivals, this country, which is only 125 years old, is first in the world when it comes to quality of life.

In this short time, through our common efforts, our open-mindedness, our search for compromise, balance, tolerance and justice, we have attained first place among all the nations of the world. The ultimate goal is now to remain on top.

Let us pay tribute to the founders of this country, to our Prime Minister who tirelessly defends this quality of life and let us unanimously hail those Canadians who want to build rather than destroy.

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CANADIAN WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY TEAM

Mr. Bob Kilger (Stormont—Dundas): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this House I wish to congratulate the Canadian women's ice hockey team who yesterday won an impressive 8-0 victory over Team U.S.A. in Tampère, Finland to win the 1992 Women's World Championship.

Team Canada finished the round robin section of the tournament undefeated and out-scored the opposition 38 to 3. Other teams participating at the championships included Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland and China.

The victory marks Canada's second straight women's world ice hockey title. Canada previously won the inaugural world championships in 1990.

To the players and the coaches of Canada's newest world champions we offer our congratulations and appreciation for the excellent manner in which they played and represented our country.

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NATIONAL CONSUMER WEEK

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): Today marks the beginning of National Consumer Week. The theme of this year's National Consumer Week is *It's Everybody's Business*.

It focuses on generating public interest in marketplace issues. The theme also highlights the important role consumers, educators, businesses and government play in addressing marketplace issues.

It is an invitation to all Canadians to collaborate in order to maintain a fair and efficient marketplace.

National Consumer Week will provide Canadians with an opportunity to become better informed on marketplace issues that concern them, as well as their own rights and responsibilities in the marketplace.

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THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Len Taylor (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, five years ago today, on April 27, 1987, a United Nations report called *Our Common Future* was released urging the world's governments to work together to preserve and protect our ailing environment.

This report, known commonly as the Brundtland report, urged the heads of nations at the United Nations to hold a global conference to find a common strategy to put the world on the path to sustainable development.

In just over a month the world community will try to meet this challenge and hold the largest international conference ever in an attempt to reverse the momentum leading the world to environmental destruction.

While the major stumbling block to success at Brazil '92 appears to be U.S. President George Bush, Canada has a major role to play. President Bush has not acknowledged that the planet's survival depends on our understanding of the fragile connections between the global resources and the economic policies of nations.

Canada must accept this principle and use its influence with the President to achieve success in Brazil.

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ARMENIAN GENOCIDE OF 1915

Mr. Bill Attewell (Markham—Whitchurch—Stouffville): Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 77th anniversary of the Armenian genocide of 1915. The systematic execution of the Armenian people of Turkey began on April 24, 1915 and claimed 1.5 million lives. The Armenian genocide was an intolerable state-engineered