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The Canadian Cancer Society funds its research projects through its affiliate, the National Cancer Institution. It will spend more than \$32 million this year alone.

This research covers many aspects, including the cause, prevention, early detection, responsiveness, as well as improving the quality of life for all cancer patients in Canada.

There are very few families in Canada who have not experienced the tragedies of this terrible disease.

I thank you, Madam Speaker, for allowing me the opportunity to speak on this subject today. I thank the students from Ashbury College who are here today to assist. I thank the people from Ottawa in the Cancer Society, and thank you Debbie.

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#### ACQUISITION OF A FIREARM

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Today, I would like to draw the attention of the House to what I found when I happened to compare what it says on the driver's license renewal form and the firearms acquisition application form.

Surprising though it may seem, to buy a gun one doesn't have to provide a medical record or state any diseases or functional impairments, as one is asked to do when applying for renewal of one's drivers licence.

Madam Speaker, I think there is something definitely wrong here which can have very dangerous consequences.

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#### FAMILY VIOLENCE

**Mr. Maurice A. Dionne (Miramichi):** Madam Speaker, over the past year it has become obvious that violence is a severe problem on the Miramichi and elsewhere.

Violence is a learned behaviour that often begins when a youngster sees a woman assaulted in the home, or is a victim of violence at the hands of a man or woman who

has been a victim. The common result of that lesson is more violence.

Women make up the majority of victims, but men are not immune. For men, the odds are that one in four women who will be assaulted will include your mother, your wife, your girlfriend, your sister or your daughter. Some 40,000 New Brunswick women will be assaulted this year, sometimes repeatedly.

The Miramichi Anti-Violence Committee wants to send a clear message to men and women alike that violence is never justified in resolving a dispute. No woman deserves to be hit. No man is justified in hitting a woman.

We want to send a message to society at large that violence against women is not a women's issue. It touches us all. It must no longer be tolerated.

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#### CHILDREN'S BILL OF RIGHTS

**Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam):** Madam Speaker, last Tuesday we witnessed members of the government vote one by one to defeat a private member's proposal for a children's bill of rights.

Last Friday, an Ontario judge ordered the eviction of a two year old child and her family because her crying, while teething, annoyed her neighbours. Any mother who has walked the floor with a teething child will be shocked by this ruling.

What is worse is that the judge ruled that because the parents did not do anything about it, they are out, because for them to stay would be unfair to neighbours.

What would the judge have had the parents do, gag the baby, or drug the baby? Surely, Madam Speaker, you would agree that if we react to a child in so much pain that she is screaming by casting her from us, by throwing her out of her home, then indeed Canada is a society that desperately needs a children's bill of rights, and soon.

This government claims to have embraced the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child. Surely, these rights must extend to a child who is crying in pain.