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I was deeply disturbed by the stamp which pictures a young boy throwing a rock through a Jewish Star of David on an ocean-blue sheet of glass. This stamp exploits innocent children, using them to promote and incite violence and hatred toward Jews.

Iranian officials must recall this stamp and stop inciting violence against Jews.

External Affairs officials have told the Iranian ambassador that Canada strongly objects to these stamps. We must continue to pressure Iranian officials to stop this intolerable anti-Jewish campaign, especially in the name of the world's children.

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PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON DISABILITY

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches—Woodbine): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, something absolutely extraordinary happened here on the Hill.

An assembly of CEOs, union leaders and Canadians with disabilities listened and applauded Justin Dart, an American civil rights leader, as he praised Canada's record on equality and freedom. He challenged us to protect equality and empowerment as basic tenets of democracy.

Equality and empowerment must be fostered by our collective sense of who we are as Canadians. They must be protected by government.

The values of our society, equality and empowerment, must not be compromised by ignorance nor eroded by economic excuse. Chopping programs such as the Court Challenges Program and Silent News is not the way to go.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for bringing business and labour together in your Parliamentary Forum on Disability. With your support, equality and empowerment will become a reality for all Canadians.

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GASOLINE ADDITIVES

Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex): Mr. Speaker, in spite of my repeated warnings and countless appeals over the past two years to ban the gasoline additive MMT, this government continues to ignore the

health risks, especially to young children, environmental risks and the damage to pollution controls by continuing to allow this insidious neurotoxin to be added to unleaded gasoline in Canada. This compound has been banned in the United States since 1978.

In January of this year, after the direct intervention and appeals of five major car manufacturers, three automobile parts manufacturers associations, environmental organizations and academics and medical specialists, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency again rejected an application to allow MMT in U.S. unleaded fuel.

Why are Canadians not being afforded the same protection as our neighbours to the south? Why is this government willing to ignore the evidence and willing to continue to risk the health of Canadians, especially our children?

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ABORIGINAL LANGUAGES DAY

Mr. Willie Littlechild (Wetaskiwin): Mr. Speaker, traditionally our educators were our elders who taught us the way of managing and prospering in harmony with the natural world.

I therefore ask this House to endorse today, March 31, 1992, as National Aboriginal Languages Day in order that we may promote and enhance an awareness and revival of our aboriginal languages.

I also encourage all aboriginal people to participate in activities that will help recognize this unique day and recommend that they all learn at least one word a day.

[Editor's Note: Member spoke in Cree]

As one of our elders said: "If we can speak and understand our language, our elders can then tell us who we are".

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Ms. Ethel Blondin (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, today marks the fourth anniversary of Aboriginal Languages Day.