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at no additional cost. However, city residents in new areas experience great difficulty in getting mail delivery or even having the service provided through a private business outlet.

It is painfully evident to many Canadians that the entire operation of the post office must be reviewed with a view to correcting these discrepancies, as well as improving mail service generally.

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## POLITICAL PARTIES

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY  
PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS

**Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta):** Mr. Speaker, in 1972 the New Democratic Party was elected to office in British Columbia and held that mandate for three years. In those three years it enlarged the Public Service in that province by 8,000 employees. I suppose it is safe to assume that those 8,000 employees were not wild-eyed, blue Tories. I believe it is equally safe to assume that those 8,000 employees were probably people who had worked hard for the New Democratic Party and who believed in its philosophy.

I would suggest that before the New Democratic Party campaigns with saccharine piety on the subject of patronage, it should first think of its record in British Columbia, as well as in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, that it is a participant in the system, and its record is not squeaky clean. Second, it is logical for any political party to appoint people to offices of management who believe in its philosophy. It would be foolhardy and contradictory to do it any other way than to appoint people who believe in what it believes.

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## HEALTH

## ORGAN DONOR AWARENESS WEEK

**Hon. Douglas C. Frith (Sudbury):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the start of Organ Donor Awareness Week. The object of this event is to increase people's awareness of the success of transplantation and the need for donor organs. The Multiple Organ Retrieval and Exchange Program wants to encourage Canadians to sign the back of their driver's licence or an organ donor card. It aspires to making organ donations as natural a concept as donating a pint of blood.

There is a constant need for kidneys, eyes, hearts, livers, and lungs, for transplantation. Kidney patients can be kept alive on dialysis until suitable donors can be found, but for those requiring heart, liver, and lung transplants, there is no other treatment. A transplant is their last hope for survival.

In Ontario there are currently over 300 patients waiting for kidney transplants, and approximately 100 blind individuals waiting to have corneal transplants with hope of regaining their sight.

The best way to give effective consent is to fill in a donor card. People should carry it with them at all times in their purses or wallets. The card is a replica of the form on the back of a driver's licence, which is another way to give consent for donation.

During this week of donor awareness, let us be conscious of the need for organs and let us make our support explicit by giving consent for donation. I would like to tell Hon. Members that the requisite form is on their desks.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

## OPPOSITION TO COAL IMPORTS

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, can you believe this? Canada, with millions of tons of recoverable coals of all classifications, imports, on the average, 15 million tonnes of coal every year. Further, to aggravate the matter, the imported coals have sulphur content of 5 per cent, whereas many Canadian coals have a sulphur content of only 0.5 per cent. In other words, the amount of acid rain caused in Ontario by the high sulphur content of imported coals could have been prevented had Canadian coals been utilized.

Ah! But you say the Canadian coals are in the Maritimes and in western Canada and the freight would have cost considerable money. You are right, but even the freight costs would have provided jobs for Canadians. And, hear this! To clean up the acid rain pollution it will cost a minimum of \$300 million. Well, you can haul a lot of coal for \$300 million.

I brought this matter to the attention of former Liberal Governments for the last 15 years, but nothing was done. Our PC Minister of the Environment (Mrs. Blais-Grenier) has already provided \$70 million for a start toward a solution. Hasten the day when Canadians will mine Canadian coals that will be hauled by Canadian railroads and Canadian trucks to fuel Canadian industries, preventing acid rain, and providing pay cheques to hundreds of Canadians. Vive le Canada!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## RACISM

## CIRCULATION OF RACIST JOKES—CALL FOR INVESTIGATION

**Mr. Cyril Keeper (Winnipeg North Centre):** Mr. Speaker, a few months ago so-called ethnic jokes were circulating in the Winnipeg Canada Employment and Immigration Commission. When the 17-page ethnic jokes pamphlet came to the attention of an affirmative action consultant, he was justifiably shocked.

I will give the House an example in order that it can realize the seriousness of the situation. One of the jokes was: What is