

As we speak this week in the Chamber about how the constitutional deal will save Canada, let us not forget what we have to lose as Canadians.

While opinion leaders and politicians have spent their time worrying over a constitutional agreement, the second phase of the Tory agenda, the economic Constitution, was slipped on the public agenda.

The North American free trade agreement will mean even more job loss and dislocation for thousands of Canadian workers. The Tory response to the disaster of the free trade agreement with the U.S. was to extend the misery to those their first agreement missed.

I ask this House to join me in saying thank you to the women and men who through their labour have made this a wonderful country worth saving and in saying no thank you to NAFTA.

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#### CANADIAN UNITY

**Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton—York—Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, in the days and weeks ahead elected representatives at all levels of government will be called upon to help lead in the historic debate and referendum now coming before us, a process which I believe will result in a renewed and lasting spirit of Canadian unity.

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There is no level of government that will play a more important role in this campaign than will the cities, towns and villages of Canada, the virtual multitude of Canadian municipalities where government and politics are closer to the people than most federal or provincial representatives ever really get.

It is therefore a critical part of the current referendum challenge to ensure that local leaders are fully involved in it. The mayors and councillors of Canada's municipalities have tremendous responsibilities and opportunities to influence the direction which Canadians will choose for the future destiny of our country.

I must say I am very pleased and proud that last Friday the leaders of the four municipalities in my riding, the city of Fredericton, the town of Oromocto and the villages of New Maryland and Stanley, publicly proclaimed their unanimous alliance in support of Canadian unity and their commitment to say yes to the constitu-

tional question that will be placed before the nation on October 26.

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#### ILLEGAL DRUGS

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, on August 23 two young men were found dead in a rooming house in Parkdale—High Park from heroin overdose. Within a three-day time frame six heroin deaths occurred in metro Toronto, possible victims of a drug marketing war.

A TV special on drug abuse and trafficking problems in Vancouver showed police and politicians losing control of communities to criminals. Related to this is the visible prostitution trade. Parents worry that their children playing in parks and school yards are exposed to syringes and condoms.

I congratulate the Parkdale residents who are regaining control of their community. Now Parkdale community legal services are threatening to take action to force residents off the streets in protection of prostitutes.

Enough is enough. Under the present justice system taxpayers' money will be used to protect non-taxpaying hookers. The drug prostitution harassment has reached a national crisis. I call on this government to strengthen legislation to bring back safety and security to our streets and communities.

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#### NATIONAL REFERENDUM

**Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend all those who contributed to the attainment of the Charlottetown accord which I believe is a fair deal for Canadians and for Canada.

Like most Canadians I look forward to voting yes in the referendum and putting the constitutional dialogue behind us. Nova Scotian participation in the first ministers' process did not receive a great deal of publicity, but as a Nova Scotian I am proud of the leadership role played by Premier Cameron and his two opposition colleagues in bringing about a commendable resolution of these difficult challenges.

But the constitutional challenges are not foremost in the minds of Nova Scotians, nor I suspect of any other Canadians. We are concerned about the still sluggish economy with its lagging consumer confidence. While