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NATIONAL PARKS

BANFF NATIONAL PARK—THREATENED CLOSURE OF ROAD TO
SHADOW LAKE

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, the view from the Shadow Lake area, about 11 miles up a mountain in Banff National Park, is magnificent and glorious. For years Bud Brewster has been taking Canadians seven miles up the mountain in a vehicle on a fire road, and then even a man on crutches can go the rest of the way. Thus, scores of seniors have been able to visit Shadow Lake and marvel in ecstasy at this handiwork of God. However, this fall Parks Canada threatens to close the fire road which means that no aged or crippled Canadian will ever again visit Shadow Lake.

In 1979 Parks Canada was stopped by the then Minister of Parks, the Hon. John Fraser, from closing this road. Our national parks are not just for the young and the strong. I plead with the Minister and the Government of Canada to keep this road open so all Canadians, including the aged, the weak, and the crippled, can enjoy our national parks.

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[Translation]

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
ENTREPRENEURSHIP—REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL
BUSINESSES

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, yesterday we attended a press conference that was a real farce. There were the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. de Cotret) and the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism (Mr. Valcourt). The three were all there to announce the idea of an entrepreneurship institute.

When journalists asked them about its mandate and budget and what they would do, the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism said, "I will get back to you in a month to make an announcement about that." A real farce!

Today, small business is stuck with bank charges, people have to pay twice for a returned cheque, and the Government is dragging its feet. Why don't they announce really necessary things that help small business instead of electioneering, as they did yesterday?

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[English]

ABORTION

ATTEMPT TO SECURE POSTPONEMENT OF SUPREME COURT
HEARING

Mr. Jim Jepson (London East): Mr. Speaker, I read with regret in *The Ottawa Citizen*, and had it confirmed by the Justice Department, that Justice officials are continuing to try to deny Joe Borowski his day in court. It is regrettable that the obvious bias of some Justice Department officials is continuing to prejudice Mr. Borowski's case which is to come before the Supreme Court in October.

I call on the Minister of Justice (Mr. Hnatyshyn) to allow due process of law to be carried out in a free and democratic way. I get the distinct impression that Justice officials are afraid of the possible outcome of the Borowski trial and that, indeed, the life of the unborn might be protected under the Charter as Mr. Borowski claims in his submission.

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APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA—CALL FOR RELEASE FROM PRISON OF NELSON
MANDELLA

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, yesterday we heard the tragic news that Nelson Mandela has been transferred to a hospital and is seriously ill with tuberculosis, a disease produced by cramped and inhumane prison conditions. The white South African Government still refuses to release him, even on humanitarian grounds. It insists he is a criminal and a terrorist.

The crime for which he has spent the last 25 years in prison was refusing to accept the South African Government's view that blacks are less than equal. Nelson Mandela is a political prisoner. Anyone with a conscience knows that, just as people know who the real criminal and terrorist is in South Africa.

More important, Mandela is a symbol of black South Africans' struggle for justice. His refusal to bend to the racist regime or to be robbed of his human dignity is nothing less than a fiery demand by all black South Africans for full and complete equality, socially, politically, and economically.

The South African Government must release Nelson Mandela, not because he is sick but for the same reason it should free all black South Africans, because it is right. Canada and the world should insist upon it.