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Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, in 1974 Turkish troops landed on Cyprus. Today, 18 years later, despite 24 United Nations resolutions calling upon Turkey to withdraw its troops, they continue to occupy almost one-half of that independent nation. For the past 27 years, Canada has been participating in a United Nations-Cyprus peacekeeping force. Five hundred and seventy-six Canadians make up one-quarter of the UN contingent at an ongoing annual cost to Canadian taxpayers of some \$14 million.

Since 1964, 15 Canadians have lost their lives in peacekeeping duty on Cyprus. Recently, both the Secretary General of the United Nations and the President of the United States have attempted to negotiate a peaceful and a just settlement for Cyprus. Canada must also be actively involved in this effort.

This Friday, the United States Ambassador to Cyprus, Nelson Ledsky, will be in Ottawa for consultations on the issue. It is in Canada's best interest as well as in Cyprus' best interest that a just solution be found to this problem just as quickly as possible.

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NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK

Ms. Nicole Roy-Arcelin (Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, today we highlight the launching of National Citizenship Week, which will be held from April 12 to 18 this year. To mark this special day, hundreds of young people will participate this afternoon in a ceremony reaffirming their citizenship.

They will thus express their pride in being Canadian and their deep faith in the future of our country. Later in the day, at a special ceremony on Parliament Hill, 25 people and organizations from across Canada will receive certificates of civic merit in recognition of their outstanding contributions to Canadian society.

I call on all members of this House to join me in paying tribute to these committed citizens who care about promoting freedom, equality and respect for diversity in

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the community. Together we will build a country to match our aspirations.

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EMBASSY OF IRAN

Mr. Doug Fee (Red Deer): Mr. Speaker, all responsible Canadians were incensed by the weekend attack on the Iranian embassy in Ottawa. This type of violence is not acceptable in this country. I would call on the legal authorities and the government to let those involved and any who are considering such actions know that Canada will not tolerate other nations' conflicts and violence on our soil.

Canadian citizenship is a privilege that is sought by thousands of people around the world. Last year alone we opened our borders to over 200,000. We need immigrants and a great majority of them have made positive contributions to this country, but we should not extend rights to those who refuse to accept the responsibility of abiding by our laws. We do not need thugs and hoodlums and we must not allow violence and strife from other nations to be transplanted here.

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MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, there is a sense of urgency in this country. People are calling for some economic stimulus, some concrete job creation that will literally help put this country back on solid footing.

The one, and I emphasize only one, program that everyone does agree upon is the need to renew our infrastructure. Our bridges, roads, tunnels and sewer systems will not be able to support our new found prosperity after this government is turfed out of office. Who supports the Federation of Canadian Municipalities? There are 600 cities and towns across Canada that support it. The Canadian Federation of Independent Business supports it. The Canadian Labour Congress supports it. Two bank presidents support it, most provincial premiers support it, the Canadian Construction Association supports it, the Coalition to Renew Canada's Infrastructure supports it. Who is in the Coalition?