

We are hoping that it is a forerunner of future success. I know that all members of the House will join with me in congratulating the Cape Breton Oilers and their fans.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear.

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[Translation]

THE ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Madam Speaker, on one of my many visits to the riding of Québec-Est, I had the privilege to see a major initiative that has so far required some 500 hours of work. To make their environment healthy and peaceful, a group of retired residents have undertaken a project to landscape their housing complex.

The Floralie Project initiated by Guy Michaud, a resident of Duberger, will encourage people to be active and help provide a better quality of life. The residents had the get-up-and-go and resourcefulness to collect the funds required to carry out the project. I commend them for undertaking this mission to improve their environment.

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[English]

RACISM

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Madam Speaker, this past weekend at the very gates of Parliament Hill we saw hate and intolerance rear its ugly head once again in Canada.

A white supremacist Toronto group called the Heritage Front travelled to Ottawa to recruit new members. While claiming it opposes violence its members marched arrogantly in the streets espousing hatred and shouting “*seig heil*” and “white power”, which itself provoked violence. Innocent bystanders and people opposed to their presence were deliberately attacked.

Alan Rose of the Canadian Jewish Congress said that the appearance of this Nazi group on Parliament Hill should “shake up the politicians”. It has already shaken up citizens in our communities and today it should trouble us all.

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Government must act and act now if we are to have the cultural mosaic that is our true reality. We need stiffer penalties for inciting hatred, broader definitions of hate crimes, a special RCMP anti-racist unit, an anti-racist education campaign and stronger gun laws.

We should never, never again hear “*seig heil*” or “white power” in this country.

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[Translation]

SERVICE DE CONSERVATION DU NORD-OUEST

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Madam Speaker, I rise in the House today out of solidarity with my constituents in Rouyn-Noranda and McWatters. Today a general strike was called in Rouyn-Noranda for a few hours as a public protest against a decision by the Quebec government to move the headquarters of the Service de conservation du Nord-Ouest.

The Premier of Quebec must listen to the voice of the people. They say this decision is wrong and a waste of money. I want to ask the Quebec Premier to meet a regional delegation for a frank discussion of this matter and then make the right decision, which is to keep the Service de conservation du Nord-Ouest in McWatters.

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[English]

OZONE DEPLETION

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Madam Speaker, three years ago this month a unanimous call to action was sent by the environment committee to this government. Members from all parties reached one overpowering conclusion: Ozone depletion is a threat to the continuation of life on Earth.

Rising rates of skin cancer now show that the future health threat of ozone depletion is potentially devastating. Yet this government has not even taken simple steps such as exempting sunscreens and protective sunglasses from taxation and introducing mandatory standards for them both.