

## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### PRAIRIE WILDLIFE INTERPRETATION CENTRE—AGREEMENT ON FINANCING

**Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current-Maple Creek):** Mr. Speaker, the priority of the Government is responsible deficit reduction. Canadians cannot long endure \$35 billion annual deficits piled one on top of the other. We have no alternative but to reduce our level of borrowing; thus the announcement in early November that the Government can no longer operate the Prairie Wildlife Interpretation Centre near Webb, Saskatchewan.

The Prairie Wildlife Interpretation Centre, which is open during the summer season, attracting some 20,000 visitors and operating under a budget of \$260,000, operates at cost to the taxpayer of approximately \$13 per visit. The Centre and its programs are an asset to our area, particularly in terms of school and educational visits, and tourism. It provides an opportunity for people to view the unique prairie ecology.

Discussions and negotiations have been ongoing between the federal Government, the Province of Saskatchewan, organizations, individuals and groups during the past four months, with a view to continuing the operations of the Centre under new management, thus preserving the facility and its programs at a considerably lower cost to the taxpayer. I am pleased to note that the federal Minister of the Environment (Mrs. Blais-Grenier) and the Minister of Parks and Renewable Resources for Saskatchewan have this day agreed to assist in financing the Centre, thus accomplishing the twin objectives of keeping the Centre open and saving the taxpayers' money. This agreement underscores the continuing spirit of co-operation on wildlife matters between the two Governments.

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## MULTICULTURALISM

### APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, a short time ago the Minister of State for Multiculturalism (Mr. Murta) announced the appointment of 60 members to the Canadian Multiculturalism Council. The CMC has the important task of advising the Minister on policy and on the development of programs relating to all phases of multiculturalism.

The valuable input of the CMC will help us select the proper goals and programs that will best meet the demands and needs of furthering the progress of multiculturalism in Canada, and integrating into Canadian culture the best of the culture and traditions that new Canadians from 85 different countries and regions have brought with them, in order continually to enhance our own way of life.

These are indeed exciting times for multiculturalism. Much has changed in our evolving Canadian society since the original multicultural policies were planned more than 10 years ago. Our objective today is to consolidate the progress that has been made, to push harder for fair representation for that

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one-third of Canadians who are neither of Anglo-Celtic nor French ancestry, and to assist mainstream Canadian institutions in adapting to the multicultural policy.

We look to the CMC for leadership, for initiative, and for positive input to realize these important goals. I know that, with the excellent talent of the committee members, we will succeed.

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## POLITICAL PARTIES

### COMMENTS OF FORMER LIBERAL MINISTER

**Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal):** Mr. Speaker, it was with interest that I read of the musings of Liberal Otto Lang before the membership of the Manitoba Liberal Party. I was surprised by his indication that a number of the policies and programs put into place by his Government do not seem to be working as they should. He implies that a number of programs created to serve as a solution have worked to the detriment of individuals, of Canadian economic life, and of universality and the right to strike.

Mr. Lang is right when he says that Canada's current economic system does not encourage work or personal initiative. He must be glad to know that this Government came to that realization some time ago, and has been working to return initiative and hard work to the Canadian spirit.

What brings about this sudden change of tune? Is Lang speaking on behalf of the Liberal Party of Canada, or on behalf of himself? Is he the deliverer of messages, the tester of waters, to see if Liberal supporters will move to the right, currently a far more comfortable position, or is Mr. Lang now reflecting an adopted change of attitude on the part of the Liberal Party? Will he be suggesting to Canadians that the Liberal Party was wrong?

Mr. Lang's comments made interesting reading. However, why are these comments coming from him and not from the Party Leader? Could it be that the Party, or what remains of it, is fundamentally split, or could it be that it does not care to have its Leader make such fundamental statements?

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## ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

### TERRORISM

#### SEIZURE OF TURKISH EMBASSY IN OTTAWA—SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister and it relates to the tragedy at the Turkish Embassy yesterday. A Canadian citizen is dead, and the residential community of Sandy Hill in Ottawa was threatened. The Deputy Prime