

It is time this came to an end. The way to do it is to celebrate International Human Rights Day with action.

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#### THE BOYS OF ST. VINCENT

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth):** Mr. Speaker, the decision by the Ontario Court of Appeal to ban the CBC's mini-series on sex abuse, *The Boys of St. Vincent*, was astonishingly stupid and a dangerous precedent toward censorship.

Moreover, the ban in Ontario and Montreal was ludicrous in this age of satellite technology. Anyone who saw it from British Columbia to Newfoundland has told those they know who wanted to see it what this fictionalized series was all about. My mother said from Vancouver: "You did not miss much". Newfoundland commentators in St. John's claimed reactions were supportive and positive.

I am speaking as a former and I hope soon to be born-again broadcast journalist. There is a very serious constitutional issue involved here. We are trying to balance free speech and freedom of the press on the one hand and the very sensitive legal aspects of this most sensitive case on the other.

I hope the matter is appealed to the Supreme Court and that the mini-series is aired everywhere.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Essex—Kent on a revised statement.

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#### HON. MEMBER FOR SKEENA

**Mr. Jerry Pickard (Essex—Kent):** Mr. Speaker, last week I was made aware of a visit to my riding by the hon. member for Skeena.

At that time, he left unfounded and inaccurate information about my activities representing my constituents. These accusations were quite unethical and unfair.

In the past 12 months, I have undergone quadruple bypass surgery and recuperation. Since the end of June, the government has limited debate in this House. My recovery is now complete. I am proud to serve the residents of Essex—Kent here and everywhere at national, regional and local levels.

I appreciate literally the thousands of times I have had the opportunity to represent the people of my riding. I

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feel that I was attacked unfairly in my riding last week by the statements that I do not come to the House and speak enough. That was very unfair and very unfounded.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

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[Translation]

#### PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY

**Mr. Jacques Tétreault (Laval—Centre):** Mr. Speaker, next Monday, December 14, I am invited to attend, as the member of Parliament for Laval—Centre, a function at which the pharmaceutical company Marion Merrel Dow of Canada will announce a \$9 million investment to expand its plant in Laval. The work is to be completed by May 1993.

In the letter of invitation, the director of the company, Jean-Paul Marsan, mentioned this: "Of course, the positive attitude of the Quebec government toward our company as well as the impending adoption of Bill C-91 by the Parliament of Canada is not unrelated to this decision".

The purpose of this bill, which enjoys unqualified support from the caucus of federal members from Laval—Rive Nord, is to have the Canadian patent protection legislation match that of our trade partners, while allowing better control on the price of both new and existing drugs.

Our government is committed to giving the Canadian pharmaceutical industry a good lead in terms of competitiveness and standards. Bill C-91 is a concrete expression of this commitment and is aimed at improving all sectors of our economy.

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#### THE ECONOMY

**Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday in this House members opposite said that a Liberal government would increase spending and put in place job-creation programs, even if that increased the deficit.

This spend-more course of action is completely at odds with the finance minister's recent economic statement and his valiant attempt to hold federal spending down.