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Very often countries in the western world are appalled at human rights violations and the denial of political freedom in these backward countries.

Labour standards, and especially the abuse of young children in nearly slave-like conditions must be of serious concern for all Canadians. As a trading nation, and as consumers of products manufactured under uncivilized conditions, we must somewhere draw a line in the sand against those who profit from such practices.

Today, let us salute Craig in his crusade, Free the Children Campaign. Hopefully all of us can join with him in his venture.

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[Translation]

## VETERANS AFFAIRS

**Mrs. Anna Terrana (Vancouver East, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, the Canadian soldiers who served in Burma and elsewhere in Southeast Asia in World War II have had to accept the fact that most of these conflicts have been forgotten in the annals of our war effort.

While other battles made headlines, the fighting in Burma and Malaysia went almost unnoticed. This, however, does not take anything away from the heroism of the Canadians who served in those countries. Our soldiers were brave and courageous. They had to face not only the enemy but also scourges such as malaria, dysentery and many other tropical diseases.

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[English]

It is with great pride that I note the exploits of these brave young Canadians which are now being commemorated in ceremonies across Asia. Their heroism is an inspiration, as is their commitment and faith in Canada. They served in the hope that when they return they would be granted the liberties that other Canadians enjoyed.

Fifty years later, we know that their hopes were not misplaced. Those young Canadians contributed not only to our freedom, but to our dignity as a nation.

In a country that prides itself on equality and tolerance, there can be no better loyalty than that—

**The Speaker:** The hon. member for Ottawa West.

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## NUCLEAR WEAPONS

**Ms. Marlene Catterall (Ottawa West, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, tomorrow members of Parliament will leave this House and return home to celebrate the season that has become around the world the symbol of peace on earth. Yet one of our NATO partners continues to plan and execute the obscenity of testing nuclear weapons.

In 1982, the award winning film called "If You Love This Planet" shocked the world by revealing that there were already enough nuclear weapons to destroy us all 14 times over.

This Parliament and this government face some difficult questions. Should this country be selling uranium to countries that produce and unleash nuclear weapons on the world? Should it be allowing the planes of countries doing these things to land and use our country on the way to their missions?

Seven years after the end of the cold war, the doomsday clock is in danger of again being moved forward. I ask us all to take this season of peace to consider what we can do in this House to make sure that the doomsday clock does not take that disastrous leap.

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[Translation]

## TOBACCO INDUSTRY

**Mr. Benoît Sauvageau (Terrebonne, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, when she tabled her master plan to reduce tobacco use in Canada, the Minister of Health indicated that broad consultations would be taking place with a view to introducing legislation in the spring.

Unfortunately, before tabling her plan, the minister did not see fit to initiate serious consultations with the tobacco industry on her government's plans to severely regulate its activities.

First of all, the minister would not discuss the code of ethics to be adopted by the manufacturers or the thrust of her master plan.

She missed a great opportunity to make her intentions perfectly clear to the industry, thus avoiding another court challenge on her upcoming legislation. If that were to happen, Canada would once more find itself without a strategy to reduce tobacco use.

In the meantime, following the Supreme Court's decision, the tobacco industry would resume actively promoting its products through advertising. What a mess.

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[English]

## T'WAS THE YEAR BEFORE CHRISTMAS

**Mr. Jake E. Hoepfner (Lisgar—Marquette, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker,

T'was the year before Christmas, when all through the land,  
The Liberals were shivering, their heads in the sand.  
Their pockets were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hope that St. Martin would not leave them bare.

The backbenchers all ready to jump into bed,  
While visions of gold-plated pensions danced in their heads.  
But out on the Hill there arose such a clatter,  
The Reformers had arrived to deal with this matter.

The Liberals threw open their red book in a flash,  
We promise to hand out plenty more cash.  
But what to their wondering eyes should appear,  
Defeat in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario so clear.