

S.O. 22

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 22

[Translation]

TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF CHAMPLAIN BRIDGE TOLLS

Mr. Carlo Rossi (Bourassa): Mr. Speaker, as if things were not going badly enough for the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney), the less than influent Conservative Member for La Prairie (Mr. Jourdenais) has just delivered an ultimatum to him. Sure thing, we learned through *The Gazette* of September 25 that the Member for La Prairie is threatening not to run again in the next election if the Prime Minister does not abolish tolls on the Champlain bridge.

Mr. Boudria: Now that would be a catastrophe!

Mr. Rossi: The Hon. Member for La Prairie—who would be better off if he did not make waves and who claims he got elected on his own rather than by riding on the Prime Minister's coattails—just might upset our election plans, Mr. Speaker.

That is why I plead with the Prime Minister to fight his enduring urge to look for a better representative in La Prairie and abolish tolls on the Champlain bridge, for what we fear, Mr. Speaker, is that the current incumbent just might decide not to run again.

* * *

[English]

PLANNED PARENTHOOD WEEK

LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION'S FUNDING

Mr. Neil Young (Beaches): Mr. Speaker, today is the first day of Planned Parenthood Week, an annual public education program of the Planned Parenthood Federation of Canada. The theme of this year's program is "Kids Need to Know".

As part of the week's kickoff, the Federation released the results of a Gallup poll which for the first time surveyed 15 to 20-year-olds. It indicated that only one-third of teenagers rely on their parents as the primary source of information on sexuality.

Other important sources of information for young people are their peers and school, yet only half of the schools in Canada have sex education programs. Young people have no one reliable source for this information.

The tragically high rate of unplanned teenage pregnancies and the unfortunate number of abortions which partially result from the lack of sex education are totally unnecessary.

The Conservative Government has followed the pattern established by its Liberal predecessor in cutting funding to Planned Parenthood. This year funding from Health and Welfare was cut by 12.5 per cent. I call on the Government to face up to its responsibilities and restore funding to Planned Parenthood to a more realistic level.

* * *

CANADA POST CORPORATION

RURAL ROUTE CARRIERS—CALL FOR BETTER COMPENSATION

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, Members of Parliament who represent rural constituencies appreciate the dedication and service provided by the country cousins of urban mail carriers. Rural route couriers give their utmost, in many instances at great personal sacrifice, to the rural areas they serve.

It is only fair that these dedicated people be appropriately compensated by Canada Post for this vital service to rural Canadians and for all their expenses which relate to mileage, density of the rural routes, preparation and sortation hours worked. For too long this service has been carried out at great personal cost.

While Canada Post has dramatically increased the rates for change of address and temporary redirection services, not to mention the cost of postage stamps, the rural route couriers continue to be underpaid. It is time that they received recognition for their services and economic parity with their urban counterparts.

I urge all Members of Parliament to support the Association of Rural Route Mail Couriers of Canada in their attempt to improve their conditions of employment with Canada Post.

* * *

SOCIAL SERVICES

NEED FOR AFFORDABLE CHILD CARE SERVICES

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, the need for affordable and accessible child care services is growing in Canada as more and more women enter the labour force. Yet, as Judge Abella noted in her report on equality in employment, Canada lags far behind western nations in its provisions for child care services.

It is time to put child care at the top of our social services agenda. The federal Government needs to continue to work closely with provincial and local Governments, community