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[Translation]

NATIONAL UNITY

Mr. Denis Paradis (Brome—Missisquoi, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, in every province, Canadians are wondering what they can do to help keep Canada united.

All residents of Brome—Missisquoi, the Carons in Frelighsburg, the Gaudets, the Barabés in Farnham, the Bergerons and the Landrevilles in Magog want to see proposals for change on the table very shortly.

The demand for change is strong in Quebec. And in this connection, Mr. Speaker, allow me to congratulate the hon. member for Fredericton—York—Sunbury who, last Sunday, organized a forum for Canadian unity in Fredericton. This kind of forum which brings together people from all political parties is a way to promote discussion on the changes that are necessary.

I urge all members of this House, whatever their political affiliation, all those who believe in the Canada of the future, to work hard to keep Canada together. As for our differences regarding the administration of this country, we will have plenty of time to express them during the next election campaign. Canada counts.

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OLD AGE SECURITY

Mr. Maurice Dumas (Argenteuil—Papineau, BQ): Mr. Speaker, after doing a hatchet job on the unemployment insurance system and offloading most of the government's spending cuts on the provinces by reducing their transfer payments, the Minister of Finance is now zeroing on his third target: old age security pensions.

Yesterday the minister announced that he would soon be meeting with his provincial counterparts to consider the future of OAS in Canada. These discussions were to be preceded by the tabling of a federal policy paper. The tabling of this document, originally scheduled for 1994, was later postponed until this fall. However, nothing has been tabled so far, and federal cutbacks are to take effect in 1997.

The minister should at least have the courage to be open about his policies and table without delay a document which senior citizens have been waiting for all this time.

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[English]

INTERPARLIAMENTARY UNION

Mr. John Williams (St. Albert, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, yesterday my nomination for a place on the executive of the Interpar-

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liamentary Union, commonly known as the junketeer travel club, was denied even though it was acknowledged by the Chair as being in order.

At the same meeting prior to the election procedure and in order to deny my nomination, the constitution of the IPU was changed to allow executive positions only for those who "undertake to promote the aims and objectives of the said interparliamentary organization". This will be a difficult task given that the IPU has no aims or objectives.

The IPU is funded by the House and yet it has muzzled free speech, ignored its own constitution and trashed democracy.

My rights as a parliamentarian have been compromised. The reputation of the House has been sullied and I request that all parliamentarians condemn the actions of the IPU and direct the procedure and House affairs committee to investigate this abuse of process.

Even the communists played with more finesse than the IPU.

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PIERRE BOURGALT

Mr. John Cannis (Scarborough Centre, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I was appalled the other day to read in *Le journal de Montréal* how Pierre Bourgault, a staunch separatist and confidant of Mr. Parizeau, branded a group of Canadians as racists.

It seems after a Canadian victory on October 30 the separatists had to blame somebody. Therefore Mr. Bourgault stated: "The Jews, Italians and Greeks are racists". Mr. Bourgault further states: "We are not asking them to be sovereignists, we are asking them to be Quebecers". They are proud Quebecers and they are also proud Canadians.

The separatists have now been completely unmasked and their hidden agenda is secret no longer.

He further made reference to the member for Bourassa. When the Bloc member and all other immigrants, myself included, arrived on these friendly shores, who welcomed us? It was Canada. Who gave us citizenship? It was Canada. It was Canada that gave us the opportunity to share in the Canadian dream.

The vote on October 30 was not an ethnic vote. It was a Canadian vote, a vote for unity, a vote for home, a vote for Canada.

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[Translation]

EDMUNSTON DIOCESE

Mrs. Pierrette Ringuette—Maltais (Madawaska—Victoria, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, Sunday, December 10, will mark the end of a series of events to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Edmundston.