

We urge all drivers to use common sense and support the measures advocated in Quebec's new Bill.

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[English]

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

EMPLOYMENT OF INSPECTORS

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my outrage at the creation of an unemployment insurance police force that will be used by the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) to spy on unemployed Canadians.

This is just another example of the callous attitude of the Minister and the Government to unemployed Canadians. In the opinion of the Minister, unemployed Canadians would rather draw UIC than work. Well, I can assure the Minister that she, as is the case most of the time, does not know what she is talking about.

People draw unemployment insurance because they need it, not because they do not want to work. All the Minister has to do is to ask any Member of Parliament who deals with the unemployed to find out how desperately people are trying to find work.

The creation of the Minister's unemployment police force will only increase the sense of alienation felt by so many of Canada's jobless. I think the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) should recognize this fact and order his Minister of Employment and Immigration to abolish this police force.

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[Translation]

THE CENSUS

IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION GATHERED

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, today is Census Day in Canada.

The Canadian Census is the most comprehensive source of specific information on Canadians. It gives a very detailed view of our society and provides information for use by all groups in this country: governments, business and industry as well as community groups, who use this information to make decisions that affect us all.

The Census questionnaire distributed to all households contains nine basic questions regarding age, sex, marital status and ethnic origin. A special questionnaire for farmers contains questions on crops, livestock and farm machinery, and on the use of fertilizer and pesticides.

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Mr. Speaker, the information thus collected is vitally important to our society, and I therefore invite all Canadians to complete their questionnaire and count themselves in today.

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[English]

CANADA POST CORPORATION

ELIMINATION OF LETTER CARRIER ROUTES IN TORONTO

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, it seems that the Post Office management is cutting back service not only in the rural areas and new subdivisions but also in cities like Toronto. It has cut out 140 letter carrier routes from Toronto, adding their work-load on to the remaining letter carriers. When business people, senior citizens and others complained that their cheques arrived at 4.30 or later, too late for banking, they were told: "Come and pick up your own mail."

Donald Lander says that he has made great strides in improved delivery. But the strides are being made by the customers who already paid the Post Office to deliver the letters. Further, Post Office management refuses to send a representative to a meeting I have called in Spadina for tomorrow night to let senior citizens, business people and other residents voice their grievances.

When will Donald Lander get off his high horse and stop sabotaging a basic service that all ordinary Canadians need?

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ABORTION

CRITICISM OF CANADIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION'S POLICY

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey—Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Medical Association's policy summary on abortion contains a combination of contradictions, distorted facts, and mistruths. It ignores all the recent advances in medical knowledge of life in the womb and contains no concrete plans to reduce the incidence of abortion.

All babies within the womb, even at the stage of development at which most abortions are performed, are alive and human. Therefore, how can a doctor in all conscience sign a death certificate for a patient who makes a fist, sucks his thumb, who gets hiccups, who feels pain, and who has a strong heart beat? Yet a baby in a womb with all these capabilities can be killed by a doctor at any stage of pregnancy.

Doctors should have no part in killing human beings, whether it be in the context of execution of convicted murderers, euthanasia, or abortion.