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CANADA CAREER WEEK

Mr. Ken Atkinson (St. Catharines): Mr. Speaker, October 29 to November 4, 1989, has been designated Canada Career Week. This week is an opportunity for young people to become more aware of the changing aspects of employment and the importance of career planning. Young people must be encouraged to take advantage of the facilities and help provided by the local Canada Employment Centres as well as organizations such as the Niagara Peninsula Industry Education Council and career counselling centres in my area. These organizations increase awareness of labour market trends and stress the importance of career planning.

This year's theme, "Careers in Focus", highlights the positive opportunities that come with technological change. It provides an excellent forum for showing young people that they can take advantage of the opportunities presented by change and carefully plan their education in order to manage that change and achieve maximum benefits in their lives.

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TERMINAL 3—PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, when it comes to building airports, it is not what you know but who you know in the Conservative government that counts. A former Conservative MP received \$390,000 from the developers who were awarded the \$380 million contract for Terminal 3 at Pearson Airport.

You might ask, Mr. Speaker, what does Mr. Lundrigan know about airports. Well, apparently very little, but he did say that he was an expert on political systems and finances. Mr. Lundrigan said that his clients were "aggressive" and that "they do make waves in Toronto", so that was why they needed his expertise.

This sort of revelation breeds cynicism amongst Canadians about how their government works. Why would the developer hire a consultant who knows absolutely nothing about the contract it has bid on? What expertise from this consultant, other than selling access to government officials, is worth \$390,000?

At a time when Canadians are being told of the virtues of restraint and austerity by the federal government, it is absolutely essential that an example be set in the awarding of government contracts. Does the government not realize that if these sorts of fees are being charged for so-called consultancy by its friends then this will mean higher costs for the contracts?

The Lobbyists Registration Act is of no help because it does not tell us the sorts of fees that are being paid for awarding government contracts. We know that Mr. Lundrigan received \$390,000, but we do not know how much the major player in the deal, Government Consultants International, were paid. Canadians were promised transparency in government, but it seems that only the promise is paper-thin.

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PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, this morning I was approached by a young woman on the Sparks Street Mall who passed me a flyer and encouraged me to come to the rally against the GST. "What is the GST?", I asked. "The general sales tax", she replied. "Can you explain it to me?", I asked. "No, I do not know much about it", she said. "Well", I said, "before you campaign actively against it, don't you think you ought to inform yourself about it starting with the name, for it is the goods and services tax, not the general sales tax?"

It is very difficult for Canadians to be well-informed about the GST, given the negativism and efforts at obfuscation by so many members opposite.

Canadians are free to like or dislike tax reform, the GST, or any other measure of government they please. But good government most often occurs within the environment of an informed electorate and constructive opposition.

I urge the government to renew its efforts through public advertising, if necessary, to see that Canadians are truly informed as to what the GST is and what it is not so that they can make an informed decision about it.