

## S. O. 21

May I call it eleven o'clock, Mr. Speaker, and continue after twelve o'clock.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being eleven o'clock, pursuant to Standing Order 19(4) the House will now proceed to Statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 21.

• (1100)

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

## PESTICIDES

## REVIEW OF LEGISLATION URGED

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, as you know, under the title *Pesticides in Canada* the Law Reform Commission has published an important study which recommends that the law controlling pesticides be amended to allow the public to petition the Minister to investigate pesticides when new evidence has come to light regarding health or environmental effects.

In addition, it is recommended that the legislation be amended to provide a public hearing to review whether a pesticide should be removed from the market and, finally, that the legislation be amended to give public access to pesticide health and safety information on active and inert ingredients.

The study asks the the Government to produce for public discussion a cancer decision-making policy dealing with birth and mutagenic effects of pesticides and other toxic chemicals.

The protection of public health demands that changes to the regulation of pesticides and toxic chemicals be made urgently.

Again we urge the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) to launch a public review of present laws and practices, adopting *Pesticides in Canada* as the foundation on which to build an up-to-date law.

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[Translation]

## VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

## BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS ASSOCIATION

**Hon. Bob Layton (Lachine):** Mr. Speaker, the Big Brothers and Big Sisters Association is a great help to young people who are disadvantaged or in conflict with our society. Members work quietly but effectively. They are real friends to young people who may not have any friends at all. We are proud of these volunteers and of what they are able to accomplish.

Last Saturday evening, I had the privilege of attending a Christmas party at Dorval, organized by the Big Brothers and

Big Sisters for their young friends. It was a real pleasure to see them, Mr. Speaker!

[English]

This year, Mr. Speaker, the Christmas Party was a bigger success than ever. Association President, Chuck Taylor, and all his fellow volunteers were benefiting from the generosity of our new corporate neighbour, McDonald's, which, in addition to a substantial grant, provided the refreshments that kids of all ages enjoy.

It is time we said thank you to Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and Big Macs. Keep up the good work!

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## CANADA POST CORPORATION

## ONTARIO LEGISLATURE'S OPPOSITION TO SUPERMAILBOXES

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Legislature of the Province of Ontario overwhelming passed a Conservative sponsored resolution which stated the following:

That, in the opinion of this House, recognizing that the Government of Canada supermailbox program has created second class citizens of many Ontario urban dwellers, this Legislature strongly urges the Government of Canada to direct Canada Post Corporation to:

- (1) immediately abandon its supermailbox program;
- (2) halt all projected installations of supermailboxes;
- (3) remove all supermailboxes at existing sites and to relandscape the area they occupy;
- (4) restore home delivery to all affected residences.

I have also received a resolution from the United Senior Citizens Organization of Ontario who are very concerned about the proposed closing of rural post offices. They point out that many seniors and infirm persons, with limited or no access to transportation, live many miles from a well populated centre and a post office allows them to remain in their own communities.

Isn't it high time that the Government recognized the hardship that the closing of rural post offices for rural dwellers and the installation of supermailboxes for urban dwellers is creating, and decided to reconsider the entire changes to the mail delivery system?

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## THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED

## GOVERNMENT'S ACTION TO INCREASE NUMBER OF DISABLED EMPLOYED BY PUBLIC SERVICE

**Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, the federal Government is leading by example in providing the disabled with real opportunities for participation and access to Canadian society.