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We all know that the new system for providing tax relief for northern residents, which has been in effect since January 1, 1987, has been very well received by all workers. The new provisions are fair and reasonable.

Mr. Speaker, it is my duty, speaking on behalf of the unions, companies and all other parties concerned, to intervene in order to obtain a fair deal for workers in northern Quebec and all Canada's isolated areas.

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[English]

CANADA POST CORPORATION**EFFECT OF NEW MAIL DELIVERY POLICIES IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

Mr. George Henderson (Egmont): Mr. Speaker, the policies of Canada Post are becoming more ridiculous by the day. For instance, in Summerside, Prince Edward Island, only one home owner, the Simpson family at 380 Brophy Avenue, does not receive door-to-door mail delivery. Yet each day a letter carrier walks by and delivers mail to a nearby apartment building. On April 14 I wrote to the Minister responsible for Canada Post but all I received in response was a form letter. He did not even bother to investigate.

Canadians from coast to coast are fed up with the policies of the Conservative Government which are forcing Canada Post to cut back postal services to our taxpaying citizens. I quote from a resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Federation of Prince Edward Island Municipalities:

The new delivery policies are discriminatory as new subdivisions will not receive the same benefits as an already established subdivision.

I urge the Minister to review the Simpson case and give that family what they deserve, good postal service.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS**TRIBUTE TO STAFF AND PAGES**

Mr. Don Ravis (Saskatoon East): Mr. Speaker, each year at this time, as Members of Parliament begin to think of summer recess and a break from the daily business of the House, it is essential that we pay tribute to those people who have faithfully and efficiently assisted this House in carrying out its tasks over the past year.

On behalf of all my hon. colleagues I would like to take this opportunity to thank the messengers, the Commons postal staff, the cafeteria staff, the restaurant staff, the committee staff, and all the other House of Commons staff for making our jobs so much easier.

I would also like to pass on my warmhearted thanks to the 42 pages who have clearly demonstrated their commitment and dedication to hard work.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Ravis: While attending university full time, these young men and women cheerfully and enthusiastically serve the Members of the House. As this term quickly comes to an end, these 42 pages will continue to follow a road that has already pointed to a future of leadership and achievement. I wish them good luck in their future endeavours.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**CRITICISM OF PROPOSED NEW LEGISLATION**

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, last Friday the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) introduced the new Canadian Environment Protection Act. I would like today to express my concern that some of the headlines concerning the Bill may cause Canadians to take too much comfort in the actions of the Minister. I see headlines such as: "Tough New Environment Act". The fact is that except for the emphasis on fines, if we take a good look at the Bill we see it is not a very tough Bill after all.

When we look at the fact that there is so much ministerial discretion involved, so much devolution of powers to the provinces with respect to how the Act will be enforced and administered, when we consider the persistent exclusion of important areas of concern such as pesticides and radioactive substances, when we consider the failure to include an environmental Bill of Rights or to give individual Canadians a standing in the courts with respect to environmental concerns, when we consider all those things it becomes clear that the Canadian Environmental Protection Act is not the comprehensive piece of environmental protection legislation the Minister of the Environment has been promising.

Therefore, I ask Canadians who are concerned about the environment to look at the fine print and not take too much comfort from what has happened so far.

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NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY**COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, if we were asked to define the socialist Members of this House, I think we could say this is a group where each member has his own very narrow, very limited, very marginal and very eccentric ideas on one particular subject.