

On the anniversary of the Mississauga derailment and after hearing the preliminary conclusions of the Dryden inquiry, the minister should assure this House that the Royal Commission on Transportation will set a priority on establishing new national safety standards for the industry.

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KIDNAPPINGS

Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, Mrs. Michelle Duquette of Val d'Or is under great stress today because she is trying to get her son back who was taken away by her ex-husband, a U.S. citizen of Egyptian origin living in the United States.

Last May, the Superior Court of Quebec gave Mrs. Duquette custody of her six-year old son for the duration of the school year. On June 24, Mrs. Duquette, acting in good faith, sent Kareen to his father's home in New Jersey for the summer holidays. The child was supposed to come back in time for the new school year, but his mother has not seen him since.

Mr. Speaker, I know this is a legal matter, but it is above all a human tragedy. Will the decision of our Canadian courts be respected, in accordance with the Convention of The Hague in effect since July, 1988, between Quebec and the United States?

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POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. Chris Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing): Mr. Speaker, today the Canadian Federation of Students is converging on Parliament Hill. Students are here from every part of Canada to protest the frontal attack this government has made on post-secondary education.

Education is not just a concern for students. Canada's future prosperity is dependent upon a highly educated workforce, trained men and women who are prepared to confront the rapidly changing world economy and ensure Canada's place in international markets.

Yet the response of this government is to slash spending on education. The government has introduced

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Bill C-33, which together with cuts implemented by the government three years ago will cut nearly \$7 billion from education over nine years.

This follows the disgraceful record of the Liberals who slashed university funding in the infamous 6 and 5 program of former Finance Minister MacEachen. This is a full retreat from education by the federal government. The regions are being hung out to dry and the groundwork is being laid for privatization of universities.

Education will soon be out of reach for ordinary Canadians. Along with student representatives from across Canada, I and the New Democratic Party demand a return to fair and adequate funding for post-secondary education.

Rhetoric from the Prime Minister is not enough. The government needs to commit itself now to Canadian students, to Canadians in general, and to the future of the country.

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EXTRADITION

Mr. Larry Schneider (Regina—Wascana): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Minister of Justice for his decision to extradite the suspected mass murderer, Charles Ng. This decision will send a strong message that Canada is not a safe haven for criminals from other countries.

In a survey of my constituents they massively supported the position that criminals like Ng be returned to their own countries. It is clear that Canadians will not tolerate our laws being used to shelter foreign criminals.

It is clear to me that discretionary power granted to the minister under Article 6 of the Canada-U.S. Extradition Treaty serves to protect Canadian interests. It is also clear that the decision to block extradition must be carefully considered.

In this case the decision to allow extradition was a proper course to follow. I am still disturbed that Mr. Ng may yet remain in Canada for some time to come. I trust the minister will take whatever action is necessary to ensure that in the future the extradition process will proceed much more quickly.