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them from preaching the good word, and tolerate no criticism. Mr. Speaker, I therefore recommend that this House award a medal for bravery to the Hon. Member for Lotbinière (Mr. Tremblay), who exposed himself to bodily harm in defending what his riding association president found indefensible, to say the least.

Mr. Speaker, the Member for Lotbinière will probably be promoted to the rank of Budget hero by his own caucus, considering his fervour in defending the Budget against all comers. His riding association president, however, who is on the list of notaries favoured by the new Government, has experienced the limits of democracy within the Progressive Conservative Party in Quebec. He has a double nose fracture to show for it.

I suggest that Progressive Conservative Members immediately take out a collective policy for liability insurance, if they intend to continue these high-pressure sales tactics, and I recommend that the public, for its own protection, restrict all contacts with their Members to letters or telephone calls and refrain from any direct contact with the Conservatives in these times on the Government side.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

NAMIBIA-MINING OF URANIUM BY CANADIAN COMPANIES

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, Canada is violating a United Nations decree that prohibits foreign exploitation of Namibia's natural resources. Since the bloody and brutal apartheid Government of South Africa invaded Namibia and began the enslavement of its people and theft of its resources, western countries have been joining in the looting of that defenceless former colony.

The United Nations Council for Namibia in 1974 passed decree No. 1 calling for a halt to further foreign exploitation of Namibia's natural resources. Yet Rio Algom, a Canadian company with tax benefits from the Canadian Government, has, with Rio Tinto Zinc, for nine years been mining uranium at Rossing in Namibia. After the ore is imported into Canada a Crown corporation, El Dorado, in Port Hope, processes it to uranium hexafluoride for delivery to Japan. This is a multimillion dollar theft from a conquered people, in direct violation of a U.N. decree.

Recently the U.N. Council for Namibia began prosecuting a Netherlands company, Urenco, in a Netherlands court for a similar offence. According to His Excellency Ononaiye, Nigerian Ambassador to the U.N. and spokesperson for the U.N. Council for Namibia, the Council intends also to prosecute Canadian firms engaged in this offence.

I call on the Government of Canada to honour the U.N. boycott of South Africa and the decree of the Council for Namibia, and halt this greedy and illegal practice by Canadian companies.

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LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL

ASSISTANCE TO THE DISADVANTAGED

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride I speak in the House today on behalf of the largest service club in the world. Lions Clubs International was formed in 1917 and now boasts a membership of 1,341,-000 dedicated men representing some 37,000 clubs in 157 nations and geographical areas.

The City of Ottawa is honoured today to host the President of Lions Clubs International, Bert Mason, of Northern Ireland. Earlier today Mr. Mason presented our Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) with a token of appreciation from Lions Clubs everywhere.

For many years the membership of Lions International has been committed to improving the quality of life for the disadvantaged. Lions International has made particular progress helping many deaf and blind persons world-wide.

I am delighted to note that near my own riding of Parry Sound-Muskoka the Lions Club built a summer camp for dialysis patients whose kidneys require expensive machinery to function normally. In the heart of my riding the Canadian International Institute for the Blind runs another summer camp with funding from the Lions.

Many Members of Parliament will recall seeing the mobile clinic parked outside the Members' entrance four weeks ago. The bus, equipped with a dentist's chair and other medical paraphernalia, is a gift to the people of Peru from, you guessed it, Lions International.

On behalf of Members of the House may I welcome Lion President Bert Mason to the capital of Canada. We truly hope our country will be his home—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

THE BUDGET—PATH CHOSEN BY GOVERNMENT

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil-Papineau): Mr. Speaker, in Canada the term profit has again become part of the vocabulary of our small- and medium-sized businesses, and as a result, hundreds of thousands of jobs will be created, something the Liberal Government was unable to do during the twenty years it was in power.

Workers in my riding can now look to the future with optimism because they have the assurance their employers will receive the fiscal and financial support they need to maintain and expand their businesses. In fact, for many of my constituents, uncertainty and their employers' problems were having a direct impact on their vision of their own and their own family's future.