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This new undertaking will contribute to making the arts in Canada a vigorous and self-sustaining industry. This project has my whole-hearted support, and I urge the Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse) to add his voice to those in support of this important project.

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PORNOGRAPHY

SUPPORT FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CRIMINAL CODE

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, our Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) is to be praised for his proposed new legislation on pornography. With the assistance of two exhaustive studies, the Badgley Report on Child Sexual Abuse and the Fraser Report on Pornography and Prostitution, the Minister of Justice has taken action to stop the trend of excessive permissiveness.

With a clear definition of pornography, law enforcement officers will be able to take action on sexual abuse and exploitation of children. The production or sale of hard core pornography depicting sexually violent behaviour, bestiality, incest, and other sordid acts, will not be permitted in Canada under the proposed legislation.

Certain critics are already calling the legislation too puritanical. I wish they would take the time actually to see the degrading material which is so readily available today.

As legislators we have an onerous responsibility to enact legislation which will help to protect the social and moral fabric of the country.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

MILE CIRCLE PARK—CALL FOR RETENTION AS PARKLAND

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, today at noon close to 200 people took part in a demonstration on Parliament Hill demanding that the Tory Government leave Mile Circle Park the way it is—a park for the people of Canada to enjoy. The park has been in existence for 71 years, and we do not want the Government to turn it into a building site for the United States Embassy.

Other sites are available across the city of Ottawa. Let us not destroy a park by playing petty politics and by trying to give away things to the United States. The Minister of Public Works (Mr. La Salle) should stand up now and immediately order the National Capital Commission to leave Mile Circle Park to the people of Ottawa for generations to come.

[Translation]

Mr. Speaker, several Canadians living in the National Capital Region are still wondering why the Government is

absolutely determined to destroy a green park in the vicinity of our city and give it away as a site for building a new United States embassy.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

STATUS OF QUEBEC

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): For some fifteen years, Mr. Speaker, federal Liberals had looked down from the top of their ivory tower, which seemed absolutely immovable at the time, on Quebec nationalists, either separatists or federalists, both options being quite possible.

At the time, we all felt the affront of hearing the Prime Minister of Canada referring to Premier Bourassa as a "hot dog eater". We will not forget it, Mr. Speaker.

Seventy-four Liberal Members from Quebec were then standing by the despicable way the Liberal Party of Canada was treating Quebecers who were aware of their difference within Canada.

In 45 minutes, in Saint-Hyacinthe over the past weekend, what remains of the Liberal caucus kneeled down before the great chief and decided all of a sudden to recognize Quebec's difference. This abject grovelling in a forthcoming electoral context reminds me of the streetwalkers of Ancient Greece ready to sell themselves for money.

I wish to remind these Liberal turncoats without memory, remorse or national conviction that they will never deceive Quebecers.

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[English]

SMALL BUSINESS

BURDEN OF PAPERWORK AND REGULATIONS

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, according to the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, one half of the small businesses in the country complain about the paperwork burden they face taking up six to 10 hours a week of a proprietor's time. There is no doubt that small businesses are currently prisoners of excessive regulations and reporting requirements, and the federal Government is the major architect of these.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised on July 26, 1984, that a PC Government would take action on this problem but almost two years later there has been none. The Government owes Canadians some action on this front to