

In the past two weeks unseasonable rains have resulted in washouts, long delays, and sections of the Yukon being cut off from any road access.

The 50th anniversary of the highway will be in 1992, just a few short years away. I urgently call on the Minister of Public Works (Mr. McInnis) to restore funding for this historic highway so that it can truly be, as this pamphlet states, "A great highway of the North".

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THE SENATE

POSITION OF LIBERAL MAJORITY

Mr. Reginald Stackhouse (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, the Trudeau Government did not have an election mandate for wage and price controls in 1975. Although it had no such mandate and had actively campaigned against such controls, although its program affected every working person and business in Canada, the Liberal majority in the Senate did not block it. It made no demand for approval by the electorate. It let the program go by.

The argument now that the Senate is entitled to block the free trade agreement, on the basis of a 75-year old precedent from the semi-colonial past, defies belief.

Are those people correct who think that the Liberal majority in the Senate works hardest when it is protecting the chartered banks and the Liberal Party?

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APARTHEID

TENNIS TOURNAMENT—PARTICIPATION OF WHITE SOUTH AFRICANS

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, as August 6 approaches, Canadians are wondering whether the Government will change its policy with respect to the South African athletes who will be playing at the Player's Tournament for Tennis Canada, which is in my riding. For us, it is a great affront to see the federal Government have a policy which permits South African athletes to play in this tournament under any guise whatsoever.

Whether visas are the issue, whether federal government financial backing for Tennis Canada is the issue, a way must be found for the Government to prevent these athletes from participating. This is what the spirit of the Gleneagles Accord among Commonwealth countries calls for, and I call on the Government now to act so that a racist Government will not be represented, directly or indirectly, at the Player's Tournament in my constituency of York Centre, Toronto.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, when I was younger, I use to like reading the Gaston Lagaffe strips.

That was some years ago, but I still see people who are past masters at the art of the "gaffe".

The Leader of the Liberal Party decided that in this country, laws are no longer made by our elected representatives but by the non-elected members of the Senate. That was the first gaffe.

The duly elected Liberal Government of Quebec is in favour of free trade. The Liberal Leader in Ottawa is against free trade. That was the second gaffe.

Seven Canadian provinces are in favour of free trade. The Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada is against free trade. Third gaffe.

In Quebec, we had Gaston Lagaffe, now we have Turner "la gaffe"!

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BANKS AND BANKING

ROYAL BANK—REPORTED TREATMENT OF SAULT STE. MARIE BUSINESSMAN

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, well, the banks have struck again. There is a new user fee that the banks are applying, and that is to businessmen in northern Ontario who dare to speak out about bank policies.

Ms. Copps: What about business women?

Mr. Angus: Well, there are no problems at all; this is a man. Fred Goodine from Sault Ste. Marie spoke out at the Premiers' conference on northern development in Thunder Bay last fall, on bank policies as they relate to businesses.

Now, his company has been frozen out by the Royal Bank from any business because of his public statements. That is an unacceptable way for banks to act. I am sure that they are not going to stop donating to the government Party just because the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre) happens to say things against them.