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MULTICULTURALISM

Mr. Joseph Volpe (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, hon. members and government members opposite may truly wonder who is listening and via which medium as Parliament debates the issues that concern the future of Canada. The answer has implications for policy affecting Toronto specifically and Canada's growing ethnocultural communities in general.

In a Neilsen survey for November, CFMT-TV, a multilingual TV station which reaches some 25 per cent of all Toronto area households, that is 495,085 of them, was found to be the main source of news for all Canadians.

For example, 70 per cent of all Italo-Canadians watch the station; 85 per cent of all Portuguese Canadians in the metro area and 60 per cent of all Chinese Canadians also watch. Together, for the minister's information, all of those nationalities represent some 50 per cent of metro inhabitants.

I recommend to the Minister of Communications and his colleagues in cabinet that they read the Neilsen graphs and start putting social and cultural policies in the larger context. I might advise the ministers that there is a different world out there, and it is time the government woke up to that reality as it considers constitutional and other changes.

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FISHERIES

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, lobster fishermen along the north shore of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick from Shediac to Malagash have asked the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to increase the carapace size of lobsters from two and one-quarter inches to two and five-eighths inches this year and then another one-eighth inch again next year.

This action is a conservation measure and would allow lobsters to grow longer, resulting in a better fishery. The fishermen and processors in the three ports of Pugwash, Wallace and Malagash are so determined to see this

policy implemented that all have voluntarily agreed to restrict their own catches to the increased size.

If the fishermen are prepared to take this action, I respectfully request that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans address their proposal and change the policy to reflect the wishes of the industry.

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GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Mr. Speaker, soon members of Parliament will be voting on the goods and services tax. If passed, this tax would bring in the biggest and most unfair tax haul in Canadian history.

Close to 80 per cent of Canadians across this country oppose this tax, but only 21 of the 167 Conservative MPs need to vote with the combined opposition parties to defeat this tax and stop the GST.

Several Conservatives have already said they cannot support the GST, and we are urging Canadians across the country to phone their Conservative member of Parliament.

I call on the following Conservative members of Parliament to have the courage to stand up to their constituents and oppose this unjust tax. The hon. member for Okanagan—Centre at 776-3337, Cariboo—Chilcotin at 392-2626, Fraser Valley East at 792-3311, Delta at 946-7858, from the Fraser Valley West constituency at 856-0878, and others; from Wild Rose at 948-3737, from Edmonton South East—

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member's time has expired.

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CLUB ACADIEN DE SEPT-ÎLES

Mr. Charles A. Langlois (Manicouagan): Mr. Speaker, the Club Acadien de Sept-Îles is celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this year, and 1990 is thus an important milestone in the history of the Acadian community in Sept-Îles.

The organization, founded 25 years ago by Acadians who settled in Sept-Îles in the early 50s, has been actively involved in the economic, social and religious life of our city and the entire region.

The Club Acadien de Sept-Îles has been very active in ways that have helped make Sept-Îles a very attractive community and a wonderful place to live.