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ROAD SAFETY YEAR IN QUEBEC

TRIBUTE TO HÉLÈNE SIMARD, HONORARY PRESIDENT OF
REGIONAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to a young woman from Quebec, Hélène Simard, who is a paraplegic. Ms. Simard has agreed to be Honorary Chairman of the Regional Action Committee for Road Safety Year in Quebec. Ms. Simard considers it unacceptable that 90 per cent of road accidents are caused by human negligence. The fact that I have to organize a campaign of petitions to have shoulder seat belts for back seat passengers and inflatable bags in front, shows that we still have a long way to go in this country.

We all have a responsibility in this respect. Drivers should learn and practise defensive driving. The police should enforce traffic regulations. Manufacturers should make vehicles safer, and finally, legislators at all levels of government should make this a priority.

I therefore ask the Minister of Transport (Mr. Bouchard) who has just arrived in the House to take this opportunity to make road safety a genuine priority. I may remind Hon. Members that accidents can happen to all of us.

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[English]

THE CONSTITUTION

ENTRENCHMENT OF PROPERTY RIGHTS

Mr. Jim Jepson (London East): Mr. Speaker, it was a distinct pleasure and honour for me to second the main motion, M-8, of the Hon. Member for Kitchener (Mr. Reimer), which would amend Section 7 of the Charter of Rights to include property rights. It was encouraging to see such overwhelming support in the House, with the notable exception of a few Liberals and all the NDP or socialist Members who would want Canada to be a truly socialist country where the state owns everything.

I am sure that many who have chosen Canada as their new home and fled from Communist oppression must treasure this motion and be confused by the socialist NDP and some Liberals who voted against this most important and basic human right. I hope that Canadians will not forget that Mr. Trudeau and the Leader of the NDP (Mr. Broadbent) would not include property rights in the Charter.

I urge the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and the Government to ensure that property rights are put on the agenda for the next First Ministers' Conference this fall.

Oral Questions

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

FILM DISTRIBUTION INDUSTRY

MINISTER'S MEETING WITH INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES IN
MONTREAL

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, when meeting with the film industry representatives yesterday in Montreal the Minister of Communications, skating as per usual, refused to acknowledge that her film policy will contain the long-promised, tough legislative measures designed to break the stranglehold of the American distributors on the Canadian film market. The Prime Minister believes he can save his trade deal by having his Communications Minister dupe the distributors and attempt to buy their peace while he concocts secret deals with President Reagan to sell out their interests to American movie moguls.

Does the Prime Minister not realize that giving the industry more funds is just a temporary measure and is no substitute for a policy implemented by legislation, and that such legislation with fair regulations is the only way Canadian distributors can permanently recover more than their present 3 per cent of the Canadian film distribution market?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, it is very difficult to figure out what the question is in the speech the hon. lady just made. As she should know, the Minister of Communications is meeting with representatives of the Canadian film industry later this afternoon and she will be making an announcement then. A full information package will be given to those who are so anxious to have information, including the Hon. Member opposite. She will have that before the meeting.

The Government has certainly realized that it is necessary to take action. That is why legislation has been introduced, and that is why we have established a \$165 million fund to assist the Canadian feature film industry and have taken other steps to assist in the cultural area.

Mrs. Finestone: Mr. Speaker, that is why the Minister of Finance cut the capital cost allowance. I suggest that the Government has dropped its fair film policy.

[Translation]

RESTRICTION ON FOREIGN FILM IMPORT PERMITS—
GOVERNMENT POSITION

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Does the Government intend to maintain its position and limit import permits for foreign films to foreign distributors who financed the films and have the world rights?

What kind of message does the Government have for our Canadian distributors who are going to Cannes next week? Is it that the rich American movie moguls I can go on as usual and keep their monopoly on distribution rights for the Canadian market? Or can the Canadian film industry expect