

It would be seen as a surrender of constitutional power to the power of the dollar, that is to the power of millions and billions of dollars. Most Canadians who are excluded from the prime ownership of the means of production in Canada have only their individual vote and a relatively trifling amount of money with which to make a campaign of this sort. It is important that this referendum should be so constructed that it is clear the primacy is given to one person, one vote, rather than to one dollar, one vote, because we know where the huge billions of dollars are concentrated in this country.

These are three amendments I sincerely hope will be adopted in the committee meetings over the next week. It is our caucus' intention to vote in favour of this in second reading but only because we hope the government will listen to reason and adopt amendments such as these in order to make the referendum a fair one for all Canadians.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being 1 p.m. I do now leave the chair until two o'clock p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(2).

The House took recess at 1 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*Translation*]

MEDIC-ALERT FOUNDATION

Mr. Yvon Côté (Richmond—Wolfe): Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw the attention of the House to the fact that the Canadian Medic-Alert Foundation has proclaimed May to be Medic-Alert Month.

The Canadian Medic-Alert Foundation is a non-profit organization that has been dedicated to protecting Canadians for the past 30 years. It now has nearly 700,000 members and some 42,000 Canadians join every year.

People join for three main reasons: diabetes, allergy to penicillin and allergy to sulfadugs. Health professionals have access day and night to a telephone service where

they can obtain information to ensure that patients receive proper care. Medic-Alert never fails in this task.

I am therefore very pleased to point out this special day and month, to pay tribute to this excellent organization, and to express my support for Medic-Alert publicly.

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CFB DOWNSVIEW

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Simple fairness demands that Marcel Masse, the Minister of National Defence, either justify or reverse his decision to close the supply depot at CFB Toronto Downsview in my riding and move its function to Montreal, a move which will cost an admitted 330 direct jobs and maybe more.

The minister claims that efficiency and effectiveness justify the change, but a secret government study made public shows that this solution is, in fact, more costly. The minister calls the study outdated and I ask the minister to prove it.

The minister clearly wants to give priority to building up his own region. He has said as much. But to use his cabinet muscle and national responsibility to impose more expensive solutions on the military is surely an abuse of power. If he cannot justify his decision, he must reverse it.

He must reply to the demands of chairman Alan Tonks of metro Toronto council who has written to him on this subject.

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CANADA FITWEEK

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest): Mr. Speaker, Canada's Fitweek is May 22 to May 31. The first day of activities of Canada's Fitweek is Sneaker Day, May 22. That is the day when all Canadians are encouraged to wear their sneakers at home, to work, to school, or anywhere in their communities.

Over 540,000 people are going to participate. There is going to be a walk around the grounds of Parliament Hill for staffers on that day.