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He said they tarnished the reputations of hundreds, even thousands of his troops, without a shred of evidence. He went on to say there were thousands of Canadian soldiers throughout the world who were doing a tremendous job, including the troops in Somalia. He hoped that people would remember this.

Instead of accusing individuals and making all kinds of assumptions about the situation, people should wait for the results of the investigations, which are carried out according to a rigorous procedure under the jurisdiction of the Judge Advocate General.

It is the responsibility of opposition members in the House of Commons to ask questions and to find out the facts. However, when there is no evidence, instead of making comments that give the impression the army is staggering under the weight of its problems, perhaps those Liberal and NDP members would care to go to Somalia and do the same kind of job in extremely dangerous conditions. I am anxious to hear from them.

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[English]

HEALTH PROTECTION BRANCH

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—St. Clair): Mr. Speaker, a new book by *Montreal Gazette* reporter Nicholas Regush suggests that Canada's Health Protection Branch has become the drug company protection branch.

Take Imitrex. Warned by scientists of its dangers bureaucrats nevertheless caved into the manufacturer's pressure and approved it quickly. As a result there was a new \$70 million factory but there were also 70 people with serious drug side-effects.

Or take Halcion. Despite 450 cases of side-effects, including nine violent incidents, Health and Welfare Canada refused to remove it from the market. Then there is Toradol, from which six deaths resulted before Health and Welfare Canada got around to expressing concerns.

Lay-offs of drug evaluators, the closure of the natural products section and a more collaborative relationship with industry have been the Tory agenda. The message may be that yet other Meme transplant fiascos will be

the future order of the day unless the Health Protection Branch is allowed to return to its proper work of protecting not the drug companies but the Canadian people in need of care.

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PENSIONS

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, last week Alberta Premier Ralph Klein announced that he was scrapping pensions, including his own, for members of the legislative assembly elected since 1989. Yesterday Bob Rae agreed to review Ontario MLAs' pensions after PC leader Mike Harris called the plan a gravy train.

Why is this happening? It is happening because millions of Canadians share the views of Joan Taillon of St. Constant, Quebec who wrote me recently to say:

All these fancy frills were introduced during good times and today is not good times. We're broke! The well is dry! There ain't no more.

They also share the views of Robert J. Brown of North Vancouver who wrote me to say:

What makes many voters unhappy is the treatment of MPs as some privileged class who can make their own rules behind closed doors and decide whatever they want as long as it can be paid out of public funds.

When will the President of the Treasury Board review pensions of members of Parliament?

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GREEK CIVILIZATION EXHIBIT

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville): Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to announce to the House the efforts of the city of Montreal, Mayor Jean Doré and the Société du Palais de la Civilisation who have organized one of the most impressive art and archaeological displays on Greek civilization. It is called Greek Civilization: Macedonia Kingdom of Alexander the Great.

Such events enhance Canada's multicultural heritage and help us to understand the origins of the Hellenic community in Canada. Through Canadians of Greek origin we have a direct link to classical Greece, the cradle of western civilization.