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In my riding of Annapolis Valley—Hants the Black Education Committee of Kings County and the Windsor Plains Recreation and Development Committee promote and organize meaningful events all year round.

Special events to mark Black History Month include a career expo and a black history day. I believe that events such as Black History Month promote a greater awareness of our proud multi-heritage background. This in turn fosters stronger relationships within Canada.

I wish to congratulate those groups in my riding and indeed across Canada who have worked so hard to make Black History Month a success. Their efforts have truly made Canada a better place.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mrs. Pauline Picard (Drummond, BQ): Mr. Speaker, we strongly denounce the action of Liberal MPs and of the Minister of Canadian Heritage, who took advantage of a meeting with the Chairman of the CBC to discuss coverage of the referendum campaign.

The Liberal members displayed, to say the least, a lack of subtlety by linking the financing of the French network of the CBC to a pro-federalist referendum coverage. In fact, this is unjustifiable interference in the network's affairs. We wonder whether the Liberals are implementing the directives of the current Minister of Foreign Affairs who, back in April 1977, said this in an interview: "I do not want the network to adopt a neutral stance in presenting both sides of the issue. When the referendum comes, the employees must unequivocally be pro-Canada in their coverage".

This is obviously a case of déjà vu.

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WORLD JUNIOR HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. Bob Mills (Red Deer, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today on this first day back to Parliament to pass on some congratulations that are now long overdue to a wonderful group of young Canadians. They made all of us very proud over the holidays.

Shortly after Christmas my riding of Red Deer hosted the world junior hockey championships which the Canadian juniors not only won but were the first team in history to do so undefeated. This team did not have any one star who stood apart from the rest; they all pulled together and got the job done.

With the championship won, our junior players shared the pride of having won gold for Canada. Players from all across our country, east to west, including Quebec juniors like Alexandre

Daigle and Eric Dazé, stood out as a unified team that took the world on and won.

Our world juniors have shown all Canadians what we can accomplish when we work together. There are no special stars needed, just hardworking team players. Nothing can stop Canadians who pull together and our world juniors proved it.

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COPYRIGHT ACT

Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC): Mr. Speaker, recently the minister of heritage announced plans to introduce legislation that will amend the Copyright Act.

In his announcement the minister mentioned there would be reforms that would include some neighbouring rights for producers and performers for the use of their creations. The neighbouring rights amendments will have a negative impact on the private radio broadcasting industry which could result in the closing of radio stations and job losses.

A government study has been released by the Department of Canadian Heritage which mentions that higher copyright payments will seriously hurt most and put some radio stations out of business. If this government study is correct, I ask the minister why he continues to implement such legislation.

This Liberal government continues to renege on its election promise of creating jobs. All this government has done since its inception is eliminated this country's permanent infrastructure of long term jobs and replaced it with short term infrastructure jobs.

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I urge the minister to reconsider tabling such legislation that will have a devastating impact on private radio broadcasters.

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12 MILE CREEK AND MARTINDALE POND

Mr. Walt Lastewka (St. Catharines, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, for years residents of St. Catharines have questioned the environmental status of 12 Mile Creek and Martindale Pond.

On January 27 the efforts of three levels of government and the private sector came together in a detailed five volume report on Martindale Pond, home of the Royal Canadian Henley Rowing Regatta.

Congratulations and thanks go to Environment Canada and Public Works for supporting this important environmental study. Thanks also to the province, the city of St. Catharines and to the Canadian Henley Rowing Corporation which were the federal government's partners.

This project shows what can be achieved when governments and the private sector work together to meet local environmental needs.