

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, October 25, 1995

The House met at 2 p.m.

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## STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

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### NATIONAL UNITY

**Mr. Paul DeVillers (Simcoe North, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, October 25 marks the second anniversary of our government's election. Two years ago, Canadians across the country decided to elect a government that reflected them, one they trusted.

The popular support our government has enjoyed in these past 24 months demonstrates clearly our ability to identify the public's real needs. The challenges are considerable. We are working tirelessly to put the economy back on track and we are confident we will make good all of our campaign commitments by the end of our mandate.

Canadians want the changes we support, and we are sure that, if we continue to work together, Canada will long remain the best country in the world.

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[*English*]

### REFORM PARTY OF CANADA

**Mr. Ray Speaker (Lethbridge, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, two years ago today, on October 25, 1993, the people of Canada sent 52 Reform MPs to Ottawa. They did so because we as a party promised to put their interests as constituents first. Today my Reform colleagues and I thank our constituents for helping us to keep that promise.

A special thanks goes out to the people of Lethbridge constituency for participating in the first leg of my annual fall tour. In places like Diamond City, Picture Butte, Nobleford and Milk River they talked about issues that were important to them, things like jobs, pensions, agriculture and certainly the referendum.

They told me about their hopes and their fears. They reminded me what it meant to be their representative in Ottawa. The main streets and the coffee shops of southern Alberta are a long way from Parliament Hill.

Many of my constituents will never have the opportunity to visit the nation's capital, but the Reform Party believes that by effectively representing their interests in this House of Commons we will be able to bridge that distance.

**The Speaker:** I have not been able to say this for a long time but thank you, Mr. Speaker.

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### QUEBEC REFERENDUM

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona, NDP):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to appeal to all my fellow Canadians in Quebec who may be thinking of voting yes on October 30 as a way of protesting against the policies of this federal Liberal government, against this Prime Minister, against the corporate agenda, against the current constitutional impasse, whatever, to think again.

Governments and prime ministers come and go. What is in the interests of all of us and the world is that Canada remain and that progressive Canadians stand shoulder to shoulder in defence of social justice in the Canada we built together in the last 50 years.

We have been an example to the world. Let us not commit the sin of sowing despair when we should be sowing hope, for what hope is there for others who are not so richly blessed if Canadians cannot find a way to live together.

I have always believed that Canada has a mission to be a light to the nations and that Quebec in Canada was integral to that mission. The rest of Canada has not always nurtured that light but that light for the next few days is in the care and keeping of Quebecers alone. I appeal to them not to snuff it out.

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### GASOLINE ADDITIVES

**Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC):** Mr. Speaker, MMT is the only available gasoline additive in Canada that can reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by as much as 20 per cent. These emissions cause urban smog.

A ban on MMT would have the effect of adding one million cars to Canadian roads by the year 2000. MMT lets Canadian