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### FAMILY VIOLENCE

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, the University College of Cape Breton, in collaboration with the Cape Breton Interagency Committee on Family Violence and the Cape Breton Coalition for Sexual Assault Services has been successful in the first level of an application for federal support in the establishment of one of the three community-based research centres on family violence and violence against women.

The UCCB is particularly well equipped to carry out research that is responsive to community needs through its BA program in community studies and through its department of extension and community affairs.

The UCCB research team lead by Dr. Joyce Manette, Professors Marshall and Claener, working with community groups, social service workers, police, health care workers and others are eager for the opportunity to build further on the excellent work they are already undertaking.

I recommend to the Minister of National Health and Welfare in very strong language that the Government of Canada now honour this request and honour it forthwith.

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### PROUD TO BE CANADIAN

**Mr. David Bjornson (Selkirk—Red River):** Mr. Speaker, this past Saturday, June 20, the touring flags of the Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs, Proud to be Canadian tour, were united once again in a very moving ceremony at the Terry Fox memorial site in Thunder Bay.

The two flags once flown above the Peace Tower have moved one from the east coast, the other from the west coast, through hundreds of communities across Canada in a symbolic way of uniting our country.

Along with the symbolic Peace Tower flags, there have been over 3 million signatures collected on 600 signature flags. The signatures are those of the young people of our country showing their love for a united Canada from sea to sea.

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I commend all of those who participated in the tour with special commendation to the 16,000 Kinsmen and Kinettes across Canada whose efforts show that we truly are proud to be Canadian.

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### NCC GREENBELT LANDS

**Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean):** Mr. Speaker, in the 1960s the federal government had the foresight to protect environmentally sensitive land in the nation's capital with the establishment of the greenbelt lands.

The NCC is the federal agency responsible for these lands. The greenbelt was established to control urban sprawl, provide beauty to the nation's capital, assist municipalities in local improvements such as the cycling paths, the Stoney Swamp, the Pinhey Forest and the Log Farm. They have all added to the enhancement and beauty of the nation's capital.

The people of Nepean are most concerned that the NCC is moving away from that premise.

Does this government plan on continuing the *status quo* with the Nepean greenbelt lands or does the government plan on putting these lands up for sale?

The majority of us in Nepean clearly do not want the greenbelt chipped away for residential or commercial development.

Can this government assure the people of Nepean, the nation's capital and all Canadians that the greenbelt lands remain as the wonderful breathing space it was created for in the first place?

We want and we deserve and answer.

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### STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, the federal government will model its Student Loans Program on Quebec's program, which is more efficient, according to senior officials from Treasury Board. According to deputy secretary of state Mark Rochon, Quebec's program is probably the best in Canada.

The federal government has accumulated \$960 million in accounts receivable since it started its Student Loans Program in 1964, while Quebec has lost less than \$10 million since it started its own program in 1966. Quebec only expunged four-tenths of 1 per cent of bad loans, which works out to \$9.1 million. After \$2 billion in loans was cashed on April 30, 1989, Quebec recovered most of