

The Speaker: The hon. member for Saint John.

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VIA RAIL

Mrs. Elsie Wayne (Saint John, PC): Mr. Speaker, on December 15 full VIA Rail service to my city of Saint John will be discontinued.

Recently VIA Rail launched a promotional campaign aimed at getting people to take the train over the next few months. Homes in Saint John received an envelope in the mail from the rail company offering special discounts on adult fares. As well, a 25 per cent discount was offered when travelling between December 15 and January 5.

This new marketing campaign is very confusing to my constituents. VIA announced the termination of VIA Atlantic as of December 15 but announced a discount for travelling between December 15 and January 5. Does this make sense? How is one supposed to get a discount when there is no train? Apparently the discount was not meant for the citizens of Saint John.

I urge the Minister of Transport to provide the citizens of Saint John with a dayliner so they too can take advantage of the great savings offered by VIA. I appeal to the minister to save our train.

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TEAM CANADA

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I am sure all members of the House will join me in congratulating Team Canada on its unprecedented success in landing big business opportunities for Canadians in the Pacific rim.

The latest success comes as the Prime Minister secured a place for Canada in APEC, the forum on Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation which will give us privileged access to the fastest growing trade markets in the world.

Team Canada includes leaders in business and government from all parts of Canada. Its success is proof that a team effort is far more effective than any province or territory on its own.

When the special joint committee reviewing Canadian foreign policy tables its report later this afternoon members will learn that foreign affairs are becoming less and less the exclusive concern of the federal government and more and more a Team Canada effort.

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ADDICTION AWARENESS

Ms. Hedy Fry (Vancouver Centre, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I stand today to recognize Drug Awareness Week and National Addictions Awareness Week.

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As an MP from a major downtown urban riding and a physician I have seen firsthand the destructive potential of addictions. I encourage all Canadians to get involved in activities in their communities to promote understanding and raise awareness of substance abuse.

With funding from Canada's drug strategy, community action projects have worked at the ground level and assisted in finding local solutions to local problems. This gives all Canadians an opportunity to learn as much as possible about the problem of substance abuse. I urge everyone to please join now.

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TOURISM

Mr. Dennis J. Mills (Broadview—Greenwood, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, earlier this month the Minister of Industry along with eight provincial ministers of tourism and 20 senior members of Canada's tourism industry undertook a nine day mission to Japan. The visit included participation in the first World Conference of Tourism Ministers in Osaka and the second Canada-Japan Tourism Conference in Minabe.

At the Canada-Japan conference the minister presented the Canadian response to Japan's tourism challenge, calling for co-operative efforts to triple the number of Japanese visiting Canada annually. With input from a broad cross-section of tourism stakeholders, the response represents the kind of collaborative effort that will be a cornerstone of our tourism success in the years ahead.

We look forward to the successful implementation of this undertaking. It would result in an estimated \$1 billion of additional revenue for Canada each year. It would create more than 20,000 new jobs for young people entering the workforce for the first time and for those re-entering the workforce.

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MIL DAVIE SHIPYARD

Mr. Antoine Dubé (Lévis, BQ): Mr. Speaker, we learned today that the MIL Davie shipyard in Lévis will lay off another 300 employees this Friday, so there will be only 400 workers left there.

The federal government is the one to blame for these layoffs. Its failure to act on the issue of the Magdalen Islands ferry clearly shows its lack of sensitivity with regards to unemployment in Quebec.

The Minister of Transport even delights in creating confusion about the case. We no longer know who is really in charge, him or the Minister of Industry. In 1986, the federal government told the Quebec shipyard industry to get its things in order, which was done. There is only one large shipyard left in Quebec. It is now Ottawa's turn to make an effort to ensure the survival and