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*The House met at 1330.  
Prayers.*

MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

MEMBER FOR NIPISSING

**Mr. Norm Miller (Parry Sound–Muskoka):** What is the member from Nipissing saying that has North Bay councillors so riled up? The May 29 edition of the North Bay Nugget reads, "Council Lashes Out at MPP; Won't 'Tolerate' Misleading Statements." The article goes on to explain that city councillors let loose a stream of criticisms against the Nipissing MPP demanding a public retraction of what is referred to as "false information" in the member's latest newsletter. Mayor Vic Fedeli was quoted as saying, "We won't stand by any longer without correcting these misleading statements. This is an election year and this council will not tolerate her continued false statements and will now publicly challenge every one that's made." Municipal council is obviously very disturbed with the member's claim that an additional \$1.175 million in provincial funding was provided to the city this year—funding that the city claims is actually federal dollars announced by Ottawa in 2006 that simply flows through the province.

This is the most recent blow-up in a lengthy battle between councillors and the member from Nipissing. North Bay councillors are frustrated with continually having to set the record straight when it comes to funding. The member does not mention that the funds are federal dollars, provoking harsh words from North Bay councillors who describe the newsletter as "irresponsible" and "propaganda." The member from Nipissing not surprisingly responded to local disapproval by completely denying any falsehood, despite admitting that the funding was in fact previously announced federal dollars. Well, in the words of Mayor Fedeli, the member from Nipissing "simply doesn't get it."

**Mr. Dave Levac (Brant):** On a point of order, Mr. Speaker: Traditionally, in this place we don't use some of the language that was quoted. I understand that even if you quote it, it's still not an appropriate thing to do in this House in order to say certain things that would normally not be allowed to be said, and I would ask if there's a situation that happened just now, as to whether or not it should be withdrawn.

**The Speaker (Hon. Michael A. Brown):** I was listening carefully also. I was concerned with the language.

The member from Parry Sound–Muskoka would know that you cannot do indirectly what you can't do directly, and I'm sure that he will withdraw the offending word.

**Mr. Miller:** Mr. Speaker, I'd be happy to withdraw the offending word that was in the North Bay Nugget.

**The Speaker:** Maybe you could just withdraw.

**Mr. Miller:** I'm happy to just withdraw.

ASPER FOUNDATION PROGRAM

**Mr. Ted McMeekin (Ancaster–Dundas–Flamborough–Aldershot):** "First they came for the Communists, but I was not a Communist, so I did not speak out. Then they came for the socialists, and the trade unionists, but I was neither, so I did not speak out. Then they came for the Jews, but I was not a Jew, so I did not speak out. And when they came for me, there was no one left to speak out for me."

I was privileged, along with many other community leaders, to on Sunday evening attend the Asper Foundation human rights and Holocaust studies graduation program at Temple Anshe Sholom, where 57 Hamilton high school students in a cross-cultural program stood to pledge to envision a world without racism and imagine a world without hate. I want to say thanks to the UJA Federation of Hamilton, to the Asper Foundation, and to Madeleine Levy, the inspirational chair of this exciting studies program.

It's important that our young people learn about the atrocities of the past and also the importance of standing up for human rights. When I watched the 57 people on Sunday evening, I looked out at them and I knew they were the very best reason for hope that our world knows.

NATIVE LAND DISPUTE

**Mr. Toby Barrett (Haldimand–Norfolk–Brant):** Dalton McGuinty went to court to legalize the land occupation at Caledonia, and now school safety is in jeopardy.

In the most recent editions of the Turtle Island News and the Tekawennake native weeklies, we read about an AK-47 assault rifle beside Caledonia's Notre Dame School. I'll quote the Turtle Island News: "The incident began with an exchange at the land reclamation site near the Thistlemoor Street entrance early Thursday afternoon during which VanEvery threatened another man in his late twenties with an AK-47 rifle." The Thistlemoor barricade is right beside Notre Dame School. Just minutes away, from provincial Highway 6, the AK-47 was let loose. And I'll quote the Tekawennake: "The