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STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS

RCMP

Hon. Geoff Regan (Halifax West, Lib.):

Mr. Speaker, a week ago the Conservative government had an opportunity to fix a grave injustice and stand up for members of the RCMP. It failed to do so. In fact, the government continued to show disrespect to the police officers who stand on duty for us every day.

I know from the silence across the way that Conservative MPs are embarrassed by Treasury Board's unilateral decision to roll back a promised wage increase.

RCMP officers are deeply disappointed with this betrayal. One officer stated, "From coast to coast, members of the RCMP are disillusioned following this breakdown of trust with the [Conservative] government. This is the ultimate insult for RCMP members--".

How can the Conservatives square their actions with their tough talk about tackling crime? It is time they stood up for our Mounties.