

Oil firms seeing the light

On October 3, I participated in an energy round table on Kyoto at Mount Royal College in Calgary. I felt as though I might be walking into a lion's den considering the level of resistance in Alberta prior to its ratification.

I received a very pleasant surprise. While there are still some concerns, there is growing support, led principally by the oil companies themselves who have stepped out beyond petroleum and now consider themselves in the energy business. The industry sees opportunity in the future and is becoming well prepared by investing in ethanol, wind farms, and various technologies to reduce their own emissions in areas like the tar sands.

Coupled with an announcement by Ontario's new premier concerning ethanol and his desire to make it a general fact, I believe we are out of the starting gate. This apparent convergence of thought across Canada enables our country to take a world leadership position in innovation and new technologies. When the day arrives, which some say could be in about 10 years, when we no longer have an abundance of traditional energy forms, we will be ready.

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The election of a Liberal government in Ontario holds a great deal of promise for increased co-operation between the federal and provincial areas of jurisdiction. Relations with the former government had degenerated to a point where there was far too much political push-pull to make significant progress.

There are issues such as health care funding, assistance to agriculture and low-income housing plus others that have been virtually stalled at a time when we should be working as a team.

Having a Liberal government at the provincial level and the federal level, in my memory, only occurred once in the past. This is our opportunity to prove that it will work to the advantage of all citizens.

—Julian Reed is the MP for Halton



Flight time

Marc Gougeon catches some air during the Grade 11 leisure class at Christ the King Secondary School. The class tries to encourage healthy active lifestyles by exposing students to activities such as roller blading, golf, squash, hiking, tennis and horseback riding.

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