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Ms. Judy Wasylycia-Leis (Winnipeg North Centre, NDP):

Mr. Speaker, Canadians are anxiously waiting for the federal government to act on the Romanow report. Commissioner Romanow has done the legwork by researching the evidence and listening to Canadians. He has given us a blueprint for a sustainable, non-profit, public health care system.

It is now up to the federal government to take his report and run with it, promote it, convert it into an action strategy and implement it, take equitable public health care across the finish line to a revamped, sustainable future. What we are seeing instead is quite disturbing. The government is not running with the Romanow report but away from it.

Keeping the government on track is why the Canadian Health Coalition, representing millions of members from a broad spectrum of seniors, women, nurses and other health care providers, students, unions and community groups, is here today urging parliamentarians from all parties to put the wishes of Canadians first and to move vigorously toward our goal as mapped out in the Romanow report.

The Romanow leg is completed. It is now time for the final push to the finish, and only the federal government can ensure a victory for Health Care.

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