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The system for distributing applications for this program relied on obsolete information. As a result many farmers were left out of the initial mailing.

My office has received hundreds of complaints from both grain and livestock producers who are fed up with this boondoggle. An example is a recent letter I received signed by over 100 beef and grain producers incensed that compensation will not go to forage acres but will include other livestock feed crops.

If this is a forerunner of the way the government will handle changes for western agriculture, then farmers will be faced with many more hit and run farm programs.

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REFERENDUM CAMPAIGN

Mr. Maurice Godin (Châteauguay, BQ): Mr. Speaker, the Quebec workers' solidarity fund has come out in support of the side for change. To all those waging a scaremongering campaign against the sovereigntist option, Mr. Blanchet, the president of the fund, said, and I quote: "The solidarity fund feels that Quebec sovereignty is not only economically viable but that it will be profitable".

Since its inception in 1983, the solidarity fund has become the largest venture capital fund in Canada with over \$1 billion in assets. This represents almost 30 per cent of the total value of all venture capital funds in Canada and it is at home, in Quebec, that this money is invested.

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Since its inception, the fund has helped create and preserve over 30,000 jobs in Quebec. The solidarity fund is a shining example of what Quebecers can accomplish when they take control of their own destiny. In the same way, Quebecers understand that Quebec's future involves sovereignty and they will vote yes to change on October 30.

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Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, the leader of the Bloc Québécois is resuming his duties as negotiator for the PQ government, the same job he had during the 1979 negotiations with the Quebec public sector. This time again, the chief negotiator for the PQ has his bosses' complete trust and has been given a free hand.

The PQ negotiator's mandate in these negotiations as in the negotiations with the Quebec public service is to do his utmost

to meet his bosses' expectations. Sixteen years later, history is repeating itself. The negotiator rehired by the PQ can exert himself all he wants, it is not up to him to make the final decision that will seal the outcome of these negotiations. Jacques Parizeau will make this decision as he did before, a decision that all union workers in Quebec are still paying for.

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[English]

TEMBEC FOREST PRODUCTS

Mr. Bob Wood (Nipissing, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, in Mattawa, in my riding of Nipissing, Tembec Forest Products president Frank Dottori addressed a public meeting of the Mattawa & Area Forestry Committee. He announced the future plans for a \$10 million expansion of Tembec's forestry products operation in the town of Mattawa.

Also at that meeting Mr. Dottori was recognized by the Canadian Institute of Forestry. He received an award recognizing his achievements in being one of the founders of Tembec which was created in 1973 by former employees of Canadian International Paper.

The resurgence of the Temiscaming, Quebec, mill and the growth of Tembec is one of Canada's best known business success stories. Under Mr. Dottori's leadership Tembec has risen to become one of the leading forest product manufacturers in Canada.

My congratulations are extended to Mr. Dottori and to the Canadian Institute of Forestry for presenting him with this achievement award.

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Mrs. Pierrette Ringuette-Maltais (Madawaska—Victoria, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, in Montreal, the PQ leader told a group of young people something that sheds light on the kind of relationship Quebec separatists have maintained with Canada over the past 30 years. This is what the separatist said: "Stop bothering me with this idea of a distinct society. I am not interested. I want a country".

The sacrosanct concept of distinct society that one separatist dream weaver after another cloaked themselves in was really nothing more than a gimmick, a trap, a ruse to create constitutional deadlock. Quebecers are staggered to learn that, for the PQ leader, the distinct society concept was only a separatist gimmick. The people of Quebec are aware of their distinctiveness and, on October 30, they will say no to this man who has been fooling them for all these years.