

Yes, the minister has confirmed that the government thinks like a corporation. We are going to get a return on investment. The government is going to make a profit on trying to provide housing to people. They have not in any way committed any government money to alleviating the problem of affordability.

When I was told this morning that the minister was going to make an announcement, I sat down and made a little list of things I thought he was going to announce that I could stand up in this House and congratulate him on.

First, I thought he was going to make some announcement on dealing with the high interest rate that is killing the housing industry. There was nothing there.

Then I thought he was going to announce a restoration of moneys cut back from social housing. There was nothing there.

Then I thought, for goodness sake, at least he is going to announce that they are going to restore the 5,000 units a year committed in 1985 to co-operative housing. There was nothing there.

Then I thought he was going to announce the restoration of the RRAP, but there was nothing there.

I thought he was going to guarantee that the urban native housing program was going to build at least 1,000 units this year. There was nothing there.

Then I thought maybe he was going to announce his pet, that they were going to bring in a speculator's tax. There was nothing there. The government now says it cannot do it, but I can show it how. The same way as the government developed the clawback on senior's pensions, it can develop a clawback for developers and land flippers.

I thought certainly he must be going to announce that the government was going to provide money to municipal governments for infrastructure of sewers, roads, and sidewalks in order to allow for development, but nothing there.

Then I thought at least he was going to say the government is going to deal, not with the people who have housing that is inadequate or unaffordable but with the homeless. In fact there was nothing there.

I sit and wonder why there was a minister's statement. In his statement he says that one of the significances of

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these two initiatives lies not only in the number of dwelling units involved but in the example that they provide for others.

The example the government has provided since this member has been minister has been retreat and abandonment of its obligation to ensure housing for Canadians.

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### INTERPARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

#### PRESENTATION OF REPORT OF THE CANADIAN BRANCH OF THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

**Mr. Geoff Scott (Hamilton—Wentworth):** Madam Speaker, on behalf of the hon. member for Erie and the hon. member for Parry Sound—Muskoka, pursuant to Standing Order 34(1), I have the honour to present to the House, in both official languages, the report of the Canadian branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association of the official parliamentary delegation which represented Canada at the Caribbean Parliamentary Seminar in Barbados and Dominica from February 23 to March 5, 1990.

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### BILL C-57

#### REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Gilbert Parent (Welland—St. Catharines—Thorold):** Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present, in both official languages, the report of the legislative committee on Bill C-57, an act to provide for the protection of integrated circuit topographies and to amend certain acts in consequence thereof, with amendments.

*[Editor's Note: See today's Votes and Proceedings.]*

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### CRIMINAL CODE

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-295, an act to amend the Criminal Code (mental disorder).

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** Shall the hon. member have leave to introduce the said bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.