

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, May 14, 1986

The House met at 2 p.m.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

#### AMENDMENT CONCERNING BENEFITS—EARLY RETIREES

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Today, Mr. Speaker, over 1,000 elderly Canadians demonstrated on Parliament Hill to defend their rights. Once again, unfortunately, they were forced to protest against the Conservative Government's decision to deprive 34,000 Canadians of the unemployment insurance benefits for which they have paid.

Mr. Speaker, these 1,000 Canadians are not alone: more than 5,000 others from all ridings throughout Canada have signed petitions to denounce this measure.

Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, a Conservative Member crossed the floor today because he can no longer accept the policies of this Government. I hope Quebec Members will wake up instead of walking out one after another, and urge the Minister to reconsider this decision which is unfair to Canadian early retirees.

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[English]

### TRADE

#### STEEL EXPORTS AND IMPORTS

**Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East):** Mr. Speaker, by early June of this year the International Trade Commission in Washington will rule on whether Canadian steel products are being dumped into the United States. This ruling can affect all steel producers in Canada and particularly inflict serious harm on Ipsco Steel of Regina.

What Ipsco and its workers need is the public support of the Government in the fight against the growing tide of American protectionism. Just as important, the Government has to become proactive rather than reactive when it comes to the importation of steel products from such countries as South Korea. Both union and management of Ipsco have endorsed the following actions to be implemented by the Government; first, more thorough monitoring of steel imports into Canada, second, tightening the inspection of steel imports and, third,

the removal of special tariff concessions on steel imports from such countries as South Korea, Brazil, and Argentina.

• (1405)

No other major trading bloc extends such preferential tariffs on steel. Canadian steel exports are threatened in the United States while foreign—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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### AIRPORTS

#### MERGING OF DEPARTMENTS' SECURITY PROCEDURES ADVOCATED

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound—Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, in this day and age of rampant international terrorism, we as parliamentarians must take every precaution to protect the Canadian people. Our peace-loving nation is an integral cog in the wheels of the world and, therefore, our own airport security is of paramount importance.

Before Parliament, I advocate the mating of two government Departments in the interest of public safety. The transportation and national defence sectors of the Government would do well to join forces toward securing Canadian airports from certain undesirable factions circulating freely around the globe. Our highly trained Armed Forces personnel should be placed visibly inside our international airports as is the case throughout Europe and points beyond.

We are not a threatening people, but we must use the suggestion of force to deter terrorists who use their political beliefs to bludgeon justice on a world-wide scale. We must be quickly convinced our airport security is sadly inadequate, and right the situation—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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### PETRO-CANADA

#### PRICE OF GASOLINE

**Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon—Souris):** Mr. Speaker, my constituents continue to be disappointed that oil companies are not passing on the savings in world oil prices to consumers.