

The Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion said this morning that he wanted to accept the world boldly. That is a euphemism for rolling over and playing dead. Who wants to face new challenges boldly? The Liberals want to face new challenges. Who brought in foreign investment legislation to ensure that foreign investment would be welcome and would protect Canadian industries to the maximum benefit of our country? That is a bold initiative. There is nothing bold about rolling over and playing dead. There is nothing bold about 200 Conservatives sitting here and not speaking on these very important issues. I am sure the voters in their ridings, whose industries are being taken over and are being threatened by the lack of a proper foreign investment policy on the part of the Government, will remind those Conservative Members in the next election of promises which were made in ridings such as Simcoe South and others, promises indicating that our industries needed to be protected and that a Conservative Government would never allow a foreign takeover of Black & Decker, according to some of those Members.

What has happened? What has caused the sudden conversion of Conservative Members? What has caused them to hold ceremonies, which of course will be paid for by Canadian taxpayers, such as the reunion in Quebec City? In singing a duet, the President of the United States and our Tory Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) mutually agreed that there would be a new era of friendliness between the two countries. The engines had not cooled on the jet plane bringing the President of the United States to Washington when there was a counter-vail on Canadian pork products, a vital agricultural industry in my riding. This has had the effect of lowering the price of pork products by some 12 cents per pound. Farmers are in severe financial distress. The Prime Minister said that the President was as close as the telephone and that they would be meeting and discussing such issues. Where is that telephone call? Why does the Prime Minister not get on the telephone and tell Ronnie over there that we need protection for our agricultural products? That was not done.

In conclusion, I want to say that I fully support the motion presented by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. Before calling it one o'clock, perhaps we could reflect upon the Hon. Member's speech and have questions or comments for him, should he be in his seat when Government Orders are resumed this afternoon.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock this afternoon.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

S.O. 21

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[Translation]

HOUSING

BUDGETARY CUT-BACKS—SITUATION IN QUEBEC

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal-Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, two weeks ago, we heard that in Quebec, funding for the Home Renovation Plan had been cut by \$17 million, which is particularly unfair since only \$2 million was cut from the same program in Ontario.

And now, the Minister has announced that Ontario got \$22 million under the Canada Rental Supply Program, while Quebec got nothing.

Mr. Speaker, I think all Members of this House should put pressure on the Minister responsible for CMHC to urge this Government to respond to the requests of hundreds of mayors of Quebec municipalities who would like to have additional funding of at least \$10 million, not only for the sake of better housing but also to create and maintain employment in the construction industry.

Mr. Speaker, Quebec now has more than 720,000 people on welfare. The unfair cutbacks made by the Minister to the tune of \$17 million mean that in Quebec, 4,600 units will not be renovated and 1,300 jobs will be lost. I think all Members of this House should ask the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) and the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to correct the injustice being done to Quebecers.

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INDIAN AFFAIRS

LAC LA HACHE BAND—OPPOSITION TO URANIUM MINING

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to indicate my support for the Lac La Hache Indian band in its attempts to prevent Eldorado Nuclear Limited from pursuing uranium mining under Wollaston Lake, Saskatchewan. I do this for three reasons.

First, there is the question of aboriginal rights. Northern native people have a right not to have their land exploited in this way against their wishes. Second, there is the question of environmental degradation. We should not be in the business of producing the kind and quantity of radioactive waste that uranium mining creates, and which will be a problem for generations to come. Finally, all this is being done as part of the whole nuclear fuel cycle. We, as Canadians, should unambiguously reject any participation in this cycle, whether it be for the production of nuclear power or nuclear weapons.

I have called for a public inquiry into the whole nuclear fuel cycle. Canadians did not like it when the Liberals imposed a nuclear future on them. At one time the Conservatives seemed to share this dislike. Now all we get from the Minister of