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high employment area or not. The policy of economic terrorism should indeed be put to an end, and it should be done in the Senate where it is being imposed by the Liberal senators, not because they care about the fishermen but because they care about playing crass political games.

I urge the United Allied Fishermen and the Allied Workers Union to lobby the other place as it has lobbied the standing committee, to let the senators know about the devastating effects the Liberal senators' partisan gamesmanship is having on the lives of fishermen, as well as on the lives of expectant parents, seniors and others who would benefit from the passing of Bill C-21.

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WORLD FOOD DAY

Mr. David Walker (Winnipeg North Centre): Mr. Speaker, today is the United Nations World Food Day. We usually think about those elsewhere who are hungry. We all too often block out the Canadian situation. We would do well to reflect on our own who live in constant hunger.

In Winnipeg, over 4,600 people rely on food banks. Almost 2,000 of these are children. In Canada, 1.4 million people including over half a million children are in a similar situation.

On Tuesday, October 2, in this House the Minister of Finance stated proudly that Canada experienced extremely strong growth in the economy for the past seven and a half years. Then why, over the last year alone, did the number of people using food banks increase by 30 per cent?

This government has decided that it is not responsible for hunger and malnutrition. This government has not declared war on poverty; it has declared war on the poor.

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AGRICULTURE

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, grain farmers in Canada are facing the worst cash flow crisis since the 1930s because the world price for wheat in real terms is the lowest in history due to the \$50 per tonne Export Enhancement Program of the United States.

The Minister of Agriculture, after one year of fighting every farm organization in Canada to get rid of the interest-free cash advance program, has finally agreed to reinstate this program for one year. Finally he has realized that farmers are facing a disaster.

Last October the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool asked the government for a special assistance program for farmers. The government took six months to approve the program and payments were delayed for almost eleven months for many producers.

While the United States has armed its grain producers to the teeth in the international trade wars with programs like the cash advance program, deficiency payments and the export enhancement program, the Mulroney government has disarmed our farmers in this international trade war. This has weakened our bargaining position at the GATT negotiations. I call on the government to stop selling out our farmers and bring in emergency legislation to reinstate interest-free cash advances immediately.

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THE SENATE

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, one of my constituents, Mrs. Michelle Cloutier of Val Senneville, outraged at the behaviour of Liberal senators, wrote to them on October 12, 1990, as follows: "As a Canadian citizen in a democratic system I urge you to stop playing games as you have been doing in an attempt to delay Senate proceedings. I also ask you not to accept any pay for the time that has been lost, because you are very handsomely paid by the Canadian taxpayers. Finally, instead of trying to prevent the government from dealing with the situation, I would suggest that you prove beyond any doubt that the Liberal policies implemented when you were in office did not result in the current dismal economic and social conditions. Liberal senators, either you work for Canadians or retire and let Canadians work for you".

Mr. Speaker, I should think we share the feelings of Mrs. Cloutier when she states that, come election time, all Canadians will remember how the Liberal Party is behaving these days!