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address that injustice by making good on other decisions that will beneficially affect the Manitoba economy.

Specifically, the Government should act as soon as possible to implement the remaining two-thirds of the box-car rehabilitation program in Transcona; decide to build, and to build in Winnipeg, the new light-weight hopper-cars; proceed with the VIA Rail shop in Winnipeg; order the new transcontinental equipment for VIA; review its cancellation of the manufacturing technology centre; live up to its commitments to Churchill; reverse the shift of IRDP funds to central Canada; and reverse the cut-backs in federal transfer payments to the provinces, such as Manitoba, which are hardest hit.

In addition, the Government should also be looking for ways to prevent the unravelling of the aerospace industry in Winnipeg—a process begun by the Liberals a long time ago when they transferred the Air Canada overhaul base in Winnipeg to Montreal—instead of helping to unravel that industry further as it did last week.

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VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

GOVERNMENT'S RECOGNITION OF WORK OF VOLUNTEERS

Mr. Allan Pietz (Welland): Mr. Speaker, the work of volunteers in our society has enriched the lives of those who participate in such services as well as the lives of those they help. The dedication of workers like Margaret Corbett, Helen Fennell, and Don MacLean from the riding of Welland has contributed greatly to the communities of South St. Catharines and Thorold.

Mr. MacLean has worked for many years organizing recreational sports. Mrs. Fennell has contributed years of work to the Canadian Cancer Society. Mrs. Corbett has been very active on behalf of severely mentally handicapped children. The two women were among 71 people across Canada to be awarded the Canada Volunteer Award Certificate of Merit this year.

I was pleased to hear in the Speech from the Throne that the Government plans further support for the growth of volunteer service in society. Recognition of the value of volunteers should be a priority of every level of government and of all Canadians.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

PARKER COMMISSION—PAYMENT OF FORMER MINISTER'S LEGAL EXPENSES

Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre): Mr. Speaker, I object to the Government's authorization of a payment of up to

\$350,000 for the legal fees of the Hon. Member for York—Peel (Mr. Stevens) who is defending himself on violations of conflict of interest guidelines. I believe it is fair for the Government to pay the bills of a Minister who is defending the way he did his job and his behaviour as a Minister. However, in this case the allegations are that the Minister in effect engaged in moonlighting while he was a Minister.

I submit that it is not fair for a person who is defending himself on allegations of moonlighting to have his bills paid by the Government of Canada. There is no precedent for this of which I am aware, and I tried to find one. Any official of the Government who must defend his own conduct before a commission should have his fees paid, but not for doing things extraneous to the job.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

RESULT OF PEMBINA BY-ELECTION

Mr. Walter Van de Walle (Pembina): Mr. Speaker, the by-election in the Pembina riding held on September 29 was history in the making. The electors of Pembina demonstrated once again their confidence in the Progressive Conservative Party, the one most competent and best equipped to administer the affairs of our great country.

The by-election was a personal victory for me and I can assure my colleagues in this House that I will live up to the trust that has been placed in me.

The residents of the Pembina constituency have been disastrously affected by the dramatic drop in the world prices of oil and grain. I will be concentrating my efforts on the areas of agriculture, small business, and energy, areas which are so vital to the economy of the Province of Alberta.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PAROLE SUPERVISION PRIVATIZATION PROPOSAL

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, the Department of the Solicitor General has recently privatized, without consultation, parole supervision for 250 parolees in Toronto to the John Howard Society. The mission of the Correctional Service to help offenders become law-abiding citizens is demeaned by shoving aside a professional workforce of highly skilled and deeply committed workers in favour of the employees of a largely voluntary organization. This change does no service to parolees and it does no service to the people of Canada who demand a professional supervision service.