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**Mr. Robichaud:** Mr. Speaker, when I consider the speech by the Hon. Member for Halifax (Mr. McInnes), in which he said that they will be providing new stimuli for industry and help for small businesses, I find it very difficult to understand what he means. I think we do not give quite the same meaning to the words we use, especially when we are talking about the tourist industry. In his statement, the Hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) announced a number of cutbacks that will have a specific impact on ferry services in the Atlantic provinces, services that are vital to the tourist industry. It is going to cost a lot more to use the ferry. We are increasing admission fees to National Parks, airport taxes and the excise tax on alcoholic beverages. Mr. Speaker, when those very same Members were in the opposition last spring they were deploring the fact that the Government was taking such measures. Now, they refer to them as stimuli.

I wish the Hon. Member would explain how these cutbacks could act as a stimulus for the tourist industry.

[English]

**Mr. McInnes:** Mr. Speaker, that is a very valid and reasonable inquiry. There is prima facie some merit in what the Hon. Member has said. There may be an adverse reaction in the tourism industry. The tourism industry is a very important component of my constituency and is important to all Nova Scotians. However, I have had the benefit of analysis and consultations with people in the tourist trade. They have persuaded me, as I would echo to the Hon. Member, that in order to continue to encourage tourists to come to Canada, and particularly to Nova Scotia, we must build an infrastructure. We must ensure that proper tourist facilities are in place. The quality of our tourist trade has deteriorated in the last few years. There are fewer people coming to Nova Scotia now than there were five years ago. Again, it is a very basic problem.

We need some new money to build up the infrastructure to ensure that we can compete with other countries for the tourist dollar. That is the intention of these new tolls and raises. They again provide short-term pain but we need new funds. We cannot keep grabbing and grabbing from nowhere. There must be something there to grab. That is what it is all about.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Simcoe South (Mr. Stewart) on a short comment or question.

**Mr. Stewart:** Whether Canadians do or do not want to work, in view of the differences of opinions between those on this side of the House and those on the other side of the House, what does the Hon. Member think about the Canadian Federation of Independent Business which identified last year that we paid out some \$800 million to voluntary quits?

**Mr. McInnes:** Mr. Speaker, it is evident that the presidents of small business organizations and all business organizations across Canada are applauding the economic statement and the new principles of doing business in Canada as enunciated by

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the economic statement of the Minister of Finance. I believe the people of Canada, in editorial comment—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member. Since it is now one o'clock, I do leave the chair until two o'clock this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

#### FISHERIES

##### CANCELLATION OF FISHING VESSEL INSURANCE SCHEME

**Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate):** Mr. Speaker, I appeal to the Government of Canada to cancel or revise its decision to do away with the fishing vessel insurance scheme which it announced last week.

This decision will mean the doubling and, in some cases, the tripling of the insurance costs to fishermen, when they go to private insurance companies. Worse than that, it will mean that a great many of the fishermen—I estimate about half of the boat owners in Newfoundland—will not qualify for insurance from private insurance companies. The real problem arises in that the provincial Fisheries Loan Board demands that fishermen must have insurance before they can get loans from provincial government boards. Any insurance policies which are cancelled in the meantime will obviously mean that the loans will become due.

I would strongly suggest that the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Fraser) and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) should at least consult with the provincial Governments, the processors, the fishermen's unions and the insurance companies, and revise the decision which was made.

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#### AGRICULTURE

##### GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS TO NIAGARA GRAPE FARMERS

**Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise on a matter that has concerned the grape farmers of the Niagara Peninsula for some time. I am referring to the grape surplus that has been anticipated by the farming community since last June. The problem has arisen for several reasons, the primary reason being the dumping of subsidized European wines in Canada. These low-priced imports have caused a decreased demand for domestic wines,