

I commend the American government and the fishing industry for their discovery of the need for conservationist measures in the lobster industry. Indeed, changing the carapace to the higher standard makes sense for the Canadian industry as well. Indeed, it is a measure supported by many Canadian fishermen.

However, few Maritimers interested in the lobster industry see the American action as anything but what it is, namely, a trade distorting action impacting at a time when there is an over-supply of lobsters on both sides of the border, and when lobster prices have dropped to record lows.

On the basis of recent history, the U.S. is hardly in a position to provide lessons in conservation to the Canadian fishing industry.

I urge the government to respond to the interim panel ruling by indicating that it is simply unacceptable.

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#### SOVIET JEWRY

**Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua (York North):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this House to raise an issue of international importance. Pursuant to a meeting I had with the Emergency Action Committee for Soviet Jewry, I am extremely concerned about the issues that were raised relating to the state of Jews in the Soviet Union.

Their concerns were consistent with the well-documented cover story of the April 16, 1990, edition of *Maclean's* magazine. According to the report, anti-Semitism is on the rise in the Soviet Union.

The increased and repeated vandalism of Jewish businesses, synagogues and cemeteries in Moscow and Leningrad, widespread rumours of a pogrom—an organized massacre of Jews, allegedly planned for Moscow and Leningrad on May 5, 1990, is of grave concern to me, to the Jewish community and, I am sure, to all Canadians.

I urge this government to exercise international leadership on this issue in order to protect the lives of Jews residing in the Soviet Union.

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[Translation]

#### BILL C-21

**Mr. Maurice Tremblay (Lotbinière):** Mr. Speaker, it is my duty to rise in the House and ask my colleagues in the other place to pass Bill C-21 without further delay.

When will the Senate release the funds that will give all Canadians a chance at better training and better jobs?

The Labour Force Development Strategy announced by our government a year ago will make it possible for over 60,000 welfare recipients to stand on their own two feet and get jobs, thanks to training. By its actions, the Senate is showing its complete indifference to what happens to these people. The strategy will help communities plagued by serious economic problems to make a fresh start, diversify their economies and train their residents. The Senate has decided to ignore them as well.

Nearly \$100 million will be earmarked for training for older workers who also want to contribute to our economy. We must not rob them of this opportunity. Young people who have dropped out of high school or have trouble staying on the labour market will have access to basic training programs. Does the Senate want to ignore them as well? How long will it take the Senate to show it supports Canada's workers?

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[English]

#### NORTHERN BENEFITS

**Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley):** Mr. Speaker, on October 27, the task force report on the northern and remote tax allowance was released. Northerners and people involved rejected the recommendations of that task force.

In replies to petitions and questions on the Order Paper, the Minister of Finance said he would decide quickly on the allowance.

Northerners hope the minister's delay means he is rejecting the task force report and developing a new community-by-community approach.

In any case, according to departmental officials, there is no timetable for a decision. My colleagues in the New