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medieval injustice requiring a foreign caregiver to live in the employer's home.

The government has failed to honour its promise of February 26 to give to the committee on labour, employment and immigration the studies he claims shows that Canada has no shortage of live-out caregivers.

I understand that the department officials gave the reports to the minister's office a few days after February 26. Nevertheless, two months later the minister is still withholding the evidence he claims justifies his live-in requirement.

The minister also began the program without publishing the controversial regulations for public comment and has often even refused my office a request for a copy of the regulation.

In fact his regulation does nothing at all to protect live-in caregivers from the kinds of abuse they have suffered, as he well knows.

I call on the minister to table both the departmental studies on this matter and the regulations today.

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POTATO INDUSTRY

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, potato producers in Prince Edward Island are concerned that this government is not being clear about possible compensation for their 1991 seed potato crop.

Due to this government's misdiagnosis last year where only 10 out of 96 cases were correctly diagnosed as PVYn positive, seed sales were lost for another year.

Yet there are mixed signals coming from Agriculture Canada about what type of compensation will be forthcoming.

Island farmers deserve better than to be kept in the dark on this issue.

Despite the knowledge that PVYn is not widespread in Prince Edward Island, despite the acceptance of the zoning plan put forward by the industry, Agriculture Canada, and the province, despite the fact there is no scientific justification for the ban, the blanket restrictions remain in place.

I urge the Minister of Agriculture to remove the atmosphere of uncertainty and immediately announce his plans to compensate Prince Edward Island potato producers for the 1991 crop.

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Mr. Garth Turner (Halton—Peel): Mr. Speaker, there were lots of headlines yesterday and questions in this House about a helicopter contract which went to a company in the province of Quebec.

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It has been raised as a divisive issue suggesting somehow that Quebec is getting more than its fair share out of Confederation.

I would like to know where the headline writers were when the \$1 billion military contract for new vehicles went to London, Ontario; where the headline writers were when the \$1 billion contract for communications equipment went to Calgary and where were the headline writers when \$4.5 billion went to New Brunswick for the frigate program? Where were the voices then?

Canada is not a balance sheet. But even if it were, the numbers would not look very bad these days. But I implore Canadians not to fall to this divisive rhetoric and stop looking at these contracts to Quebec as if they were different from any other part of the country.

We are proud of all the contracts let equally and fairly in all parts of this country.

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CHRISTINE LAMONT AND DAVID SPENCER

Mr. Ian Waddell (Port Moody—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, as I speak, two Canadians, Christine Lamont and David Spencer are languishing in a Brazilian jail.

The tragedy is that they could be released and they could be released now. All the Canadian minister of external affairs has to do is ask, but she has yielded to technical and bureaucratic arguments and refuses to do so.

I am particularly concerned that the Brazilian trial judge said he was under strong political pressure to convict all 10 accused.