

### Oral Questions

This is a very objectionable practice, but what makes it even more objectionable is the fact that the former Minister of Employment and Immigration, the Member of Parliament who represents that area, just recently gave that same company \$100,000 to expand its plant and to create 35 new jobs.

This is a very serious issue. I call upon the Government to investigate this matter and to ensure that federal government money is not being used to help this strikebreaker and unionbuster create jobs for himself and his family and no one else.

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### AGRICULTURE

#### SPECIAL CANADIAN GRAINS PROGRAM

**Mr. Bill Gottselig (Moose Jaw):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw to the attention of the House the fact that the Right Hon. Prime Minister of Canada (Mr. Mulroney) was the first Prime Minister ever to attend the Agricultural Outlook Conference which just concluded here in Ottawa yesterday. It was there that the details of the Special Canadian Grains Program were announced. This was very good news for agricultural producers from sea to sea who will receive the \$1 billion prior to seeding their 1987 crops.

The program delivers on a commitment made by the Prime Minister in this House on October 3. It is an equitable national program that puts straight cash, new money, into the pockets of farmers, with no strings attached. The formulation of the delivery of this program marked an historic change in the attitude of Government. How different it is when a Prime Minister says: "When the farmers hurt, the Parliament of Canada should respond". It is much different from a previous Prime Minister whose response was the finger and the question: "Why should I sell your wheat?"

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### REFUGEES

#### REFUGEE DETERMINATION SYSTEM—DELAY IN INTRODUCING LEGISLATION

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, as we approach the year's end, the Government has still to introduce legislation concerning a new refugee determination system. Canadians have been promised such reform for the last two years by four different Immigration Ministers. Moreover, the Speech from the Throne committed the Government to action, and the current Minister of State for Immigration (Mr. Weiner) publicly stated that the package would be before Parliament this past fall. Parliament is still waiting, as are

thousands of refugees and hundreds of organizations working on their behalf. Not only has the Conservative Government failed to honour its own promise, but it also refuses to meet with major church leaders and refugee organizations before the policy is introduced.

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The Government is turning its back on the human needs of refugees. It is not consulting with interested Canadians. It is refusing to address the new refugee phenomenon in Canadian society, which requires urgent and significant reform. Shamefully, the Government is offering neither leadership nor compassion. Come to think of it, it is ending the year in the same manner in which it started the year.

### ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

#### TRADE

#### CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—AUTO PACT INQUIRY

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Prime Minister arising out of the visit yesterday of Senator Lloyd Bentsen and his other colleagues from the United States Senate.

In his press conference, and indeed in our own conversations with him, the Senator indicated that the United States expected that the Auto Pact would be an item on the table during the current negotiations with Canada. Since the Prime Minister had the opportunity of meeting with the Senators prior to our meeting with them, was the Prime Minister not able to indicate to them quite clearly that the Auto Pact is not an item for negotiation, and is not a subject of the free trade proposals?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, we did briefly touch upon it. I indicated, and I believe the Minister of International Trade indicated, that the Auto Pact had worked extremely well for some extended period of time, and we saw no reason why it ought to form the basis of any negotiation.

Reference was made to the fact that inasmuch as the automotive trade generally represents some one-third of the total traffic back and forth, if it could be improved upon then it could be looked at. But I was not aware of any statement with regard to a determination to sit down with a view to revising what has been a beneficial instrument.

[Translation]

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** That is what Senator Bentsen said at his press conference and when he met with Liberal Members.