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On behalf of the four Turner children, who are two-and-a-half to fifteen years of age, I ask the House and the Government to make their Christmas a little brighter by at least honouring the commitment to them.

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RIGHT TO LIFE

CALL FOR APPLICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO THE UNBORN

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, human rights cannot be over-emphasized. We weep over the way the Jewish people were treated in Nazi concentration camps. We send letters to the Soviets pleading for fair treatment for political prisoners. Our hearts bleed when we read about the artificial famine engineered by the communists in Ukraine which killed thousands of innocent people. We provide a home for refugees who escaped murder and rape in their homeland. Yes, we do many things to show that we are a compassionate people.

At the same time, in our own country last year 60,000 human babies were murdered, and the newspapers barely mentioned it. Even worse, our media make a hero out of a doctor who defies the laws of our country and promotes abortion.

Should not human rights apply to unborn humans? Every Member of the House escaped abortion, and we are here today trying to help our people and build a better nation. Unborn babies should have an equal opportunity to live, to work, to love, and to contribute to the betterment of the world.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

FORGET COMMISSION REPORT—CALL FOR JOB CREATION

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton—Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, the Forget Commission Report has pinpointed many problem areas within the unemployment insurance system. It has clearly shown how the Government has failed to provide the promised jobs of the 1984 election campaign. Also the report is confirming that people in rural regions of Canada are faced with continuing high unemployment, and that our youth are seriously in danger of becoming a lost generation. It also says that the UI system is not being used as it was intended to be as an interim insurance plan by workers in between jobs. Instead, many Canadians are forced to use UIC as a way of life.

I doubt people want to live on unemployment insurance and would much prefer the opportunity to work to provide a decent income for their families. Rather than seeking solutions in economic policies to reduce unemployment, the Government

would like to forget the report. I am in full agreement with my colleagues that the UI system is a much needed resource for many Canadian homes. It is time for the Government to produce the jobs that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) promised in 1984, or else resign for having let the Canadian people down.

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AGRICULTURE

SPECIAL CANADIAN GRAINS PROGRAM—PAYMENTS TO SASKATCHEWAN FARMERS

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, the federal Government's Special Canadian Grains Program is a timely answer to the serious problems plaguing farmers. In committing \$1 billion, our Government and the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) have responded compassionately and sensibly to the plight of prairie agriculture. Eighty-five per cent of the payment will be going to western Canada and it will help many farmers in Saskatchewan.

The formula being used to calculate this payment was chosen by producers for producers. By paying \$300 million now and a further \$700 million at spring seeding time, the typical northwest Saskatchewan farmer will receive about \$9,000.

This program is a good response to the damage caused by the European-American subsidy battle. The Prime Minister personally promised that we would not let farmers down. The program is proof that the Prime Minister and our Government know, care, and act. The federal Government has delivered for Saskatchewan farmers.

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NATIONAL PARKS

PROVISIONS IN AMENDING LEGISLATION—CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT IN PARKS

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg—Birds Hill): Mr. Speaker, amendments to the National Parks Act introduced by the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) include many positive improvements but there are flaws in his proposal that should be noted. For example, the Minister's announcement about controlling development in national parks and park townsites is somewhat deceptive. He recently approved a significant expansion of luxury resort facilities in Banff National Park. To make a big deal now out of limiting leases for ski development when within existing leases there is still the possibility for expansion is surely deceptive.

Development inside our national parks flies in the face of Parks Canada policy which stresses ecological and historical integrity as prerequisites to use, and one has to wonder