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Treasury Police who notoriously mistreat political prisoners. They seem to suspect church people of being allies of the rebels, simply because they help the poor.

One of the prisoners, Innocente Garay, had been chased by a death squad last June. He escaped, was designated a refugee by the UNHCR and sponsored that same month by Emmanuel United Church in Ottawa. He is still in prison, even though his companions, Mr. Fuentes, a government–sponsored refugee, was released yesterday, along with the third man, Carlos Avalos.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the death squads hunted for him, but his parents took him for safety to Egypt. If he came today to El Salvador, the death squads would hunt him again.

I call on our government to intervene with the Salvadoran government for Mr. Garay's release, and to move quickly with visas and minister's permits to bring these men and their families to Canada.

ENERGY

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, with the next federal budget only weeks away, I want to remind the government of promises it made to the alternative energy and conservation industry in this country.

In October 1987 the then minister for energy told an audience in Prince Edward Island: "I will continue to provide my enthusiastic support of these Island projects for a long time to come".

The same energy minister told an Energy Options conference in Montreal last December: "I am committed to seeing the momentum toward greater energy efficiency continue".

Yet, less than 18 months later, the government announced that it was closing its regional conservation and renewable energy offices across Canada and committing less money to federal–provincial agreements for alternative energy.

Canadians must learn to use their energy more wisely, and the federal government has a leadership role to play here. The government must start promoting alternative energy and conservation with actions, not just words.

JUSTICE

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, after two and one-half years of exhaustive study, the Nova Scotia Royal Commission investigating the wrongful conviction of Donald Marshall has come down with a thorough, multi-volume report. Not surprisingly, the bottom line of the report is the conclusion that institutional racism was the root cause of Marshall having been mistakenly sent to prison for 11 years for a crime he did not commit.

Most Canadians openly disavow racism and discrimination as acceptable practices in our society. Most adhere to the desire and intention not to be discriminatory in their own actions and behaviour.

Relatively few understand the concept of institutional discrimination or adequately recognize the degree to which it exists in many if not most of the institutions of Canadian society, be they federal or provincial, public or private.

Some have already reacted with cynicism to the Marshall report and its findings. None among us should; nor is there room for smugness on the part of persons of other institutions or other jurisdictions.

All Canadians and their governments should recognize the report as an iceberg symbolizing conditions below the surface in our society. Much work remains to be done before ours is truly a society in which equity and fairness are fully recognized and accepted as the cornerstones and foundation of Canadian society.

ATLANTIC ECONOMY

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, all of Atlantic Canada welcomes the announcement of Cavendish Foods expansion near Summerside, P.E.I. This project is the beginning of the turnaround for Summerside after the negative effects caused by the winding down of CFB Summerside.

The next project that must be addressed is the construction of a fixed link to P.E.I. from the mainland. As I have said before, this engineering marvel will create hundreds of jobs during construction and add almost \$1 billion to the economy of Atlantic Canada.