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survive. I call on the Prime Minister to stop stalling and to make a commitment now to Canadian grain farmers for a deficiency payment for the 1987-88 crop year.

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AGRICULTURE

VENICE ECONOMIC SUMMIT—PRIME MINISTER'S EFFORTS TO SECURE FAIR TRADING

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, today I would like to congratulate the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) on his success in bringing to the attention of the leaders of the G-7 the harm felt by our farmers due to the unfair subsidy practices of the European Economic Community and the U.S.

As any farmer across the land will tell you, there are no immediate cures for the problems facing the family farm. They will also tell you that government pay-outs do not solve the underlying problem. The crisis today is largely due to Governments around the world attempting to throw money at the problem. This does not work. This was the message which our Leader pressed at the Economic Summit meeting in Venice.

The real answer lies in a new set of ground rules for international farm trade. The Prime Minister and the Government have made fair trade in agriculture a top concern. I wish again to congratulate our Leader for making this point in Venice.

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FISHERIES

1987 WEST COAST SALMON ALLOCATION PLAN

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan—Malahat—The Islands): Mr. Speaker, in January the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans unanimously passed a motion urging the Minister to assure the Gulf trollers of British Columbia that the commercial troll industry in the Gulf of Georgia would be maintained.

The Minister responded: "The troll fleet is very selective in the species of salmon that they harvest and for that reason alone I consider them an ideal gear to be maintained in the Strait of Georgia".

On Tuesday the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) announced his long-awaited 1987 West Coast Salmon Allocation Plan. The Gulf trollers, a small group of 250 vessels, found they fared no better than last year. In fact, their situation was made worse by the Minister's decree that the season will start on July 1, two weeks later than last year,

when the larger and higher quality salmon have already passed. Further, there was no mention of the 100,000 additional sockeye given in 1986 in recognition of the trollers' historical involvement in this west coast fishery.

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The Minister, who praises the Gulf troll fleet, has done little to maintain the fleet. Many of those involved in the Gulf of Georgia fleet may be forced out of the industry because they cannot make a living because the Minister has not acted in accordance with his statements.

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THE COMMONWEALTH

OTTAWA TO HOST COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG LEADERS

Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce to the House that a Commonwealth Conference for Young Leaders will be held this fall. This unique international event, initiated by the Ottawa Branch of the Royal Commonwealth Society, will bring together the Commonwealth's most accomplished young men and women to Ottawa, from September 6 to September 12, 1987.

Delegates will participate in an innovative program directed toward the creation of a generation of leaders equipped with the values, skills, and consensus formation techniques to address complex international problems. They will also focus on the potential for private and public sector co-operation in promoting economic and social development.

Canadian conference organizers are searching for dynamic young Canadians to represent our country. Young Canadians between the ages of 25 and 35 are welcome to apply before July 1. Twenty Canadians will be selected.

Along with providing young people with the opportunity to express their views on the Commonwealth and wider international issues, this event will allow them to make personal ties which will be of long-term benefit to the Commonwealth and Canada. This venture is also an important event in support of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Summit and will contribute to increasing Canadians' awareness of the Commonwealth.

The conference is being financed through a partnership of business, federal Government and voluntary sector contributions. The Government, for example, is providing financial assistance and in kind contributions through the Canadian International Development Agency, Employment and Immigration Canada, and External Affairs.