

That kind of pathetic and dishonest political reasoning is why Albertans are getting tired of the kind of claptrap they are always getting from their Tory MPs, whether from Crowfoot or Calgary or anywhere else. They are tired of the Tories always dragging out an old NDP policy and saying this was just printed. This is Ed Broadbent's latest position. That is malarkey. That kind of dishonesty is beneath what I would expect of any Member of this House, and not just here in Ottawa but as they travel around Alberta. Albertans are not dumb and they are tired of being treated as mushrooms.

Realized net income from farming declined by almost 40 per cent last year in Alberta. Serious steps have to be taken by this Parliament to deal with the real concerns of Albertans. Some 600 families are added to the welfare rolls in Alberta every month. That gives you some kind of indicator of what is happening in that economy. Unemployment is at 10.5 per cent. For those between the ages of 17 and 25, it is 17.5 per cent. That is almost one young person in five. That is totally unacceptable.

A country as wealthy as Canada simply cannot allow that to go on when large corporations, the great friends of the Tories, the great financiers, owe more than \$30 billion in unpaid taxes from last year. The deficit was only \$29.5 billion. Why does the Government not collect from those corporations? Why is it always going after the farmers with special tax audit teams, or the small business people or individual workers in Alberta?

We know the silent 20 from Alberta have not been speaking up for their constituents. Sadly enough Alberta now has the highest annual suicide rate of any province at 16.9 per 100,000. That is a true reflection of an economy in crisis. There is crisis in the family, violence in the family. People have given up all hope of ever finding a place in society. Farm suicides in Alberta rose from 15.1 per 100,000 four years ago to 40.6. It tripled in three years.

Let me deal with an issue which has been before this House for a long time and has never been dealt with in any way effectively by the Government despite the fact the Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Mazankowski) has tried to get some publicity and take the lead. What about Alberta and B.C. coal? It is clean low-sulphur coal and can be shipped along those unused back-haul lines to Ontario.

Mr. Malone: Why don't you pass Bill C-18 and Bill C-19 so we can do that?

Mr. Fulton: Why does the Government support buying dirty American coal to increase the amount of SO₂ and NO₂ emissions in Canada?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Before I call it one o'clock, the Hon. Member will have four minutes left in debate plus 10 minutes for questions and comments when we return.

It being 1 p.m., I do now leave the chair until 2 p.m. this day.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

S. O. 21

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

[English]

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

RAOUL WALLENBERG AWARD FOR HUMANITARIAN SERVICE
AWARDED TO CANADIAN, MR. JOE STERN

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg—Fort Garry): Mr. Speaker, it was with great pleasure that I learned today that Mr. Joe Stern, Chairman of the Refugee Advisory Committee for Canada, has been awarded the Raoul Wallenberg Award for Humanitarian Service. This is a very distinguished award for a very distinguished Canadian.

In my esteem there is no one in this country who deserves this honour more. As Chairman of the Refugee Advisory Committee, Mr. Stern has brought judgment, wit and, above all, compassion to one of the most difficult tasks performed by any public servant in Canada. He is responsible for deciding the fate of the homeless of this world. In that role he has represented Canada with understanding and care that know no equal.

At a time when the prevailing view seems to be to close our doors and get tough with refugees, Mr. Stern has provided the opposite example. He cares deeply about people and has won the admiration of all those who work in the refugee field.

There is a saying from the Talmud, "He who saves one life saves the world". Joe Stern is a living example of that philosophy. I hope he will be in a position to continue his service to refugees and to Canada in the years to come. I pay tribute to him today for a remarkable achievement by a very worthy person.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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SUPPLY AND SERVICES

SUPPLIERS—INFORMATION SESSION ORGANIZED AT
MONSEIGNEUR-MARCOUX CENTRE IN QUÉBEC EST RIDING

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec Est): Mr. Speaker, I welcome this opportunity to bring to the attention of the House an event organized by the Department of Supply and Services that will take place in the beautiful riding of Québec-Est at the *Centre Monseigneur-Marcoux* on Friday, May 29. I am referring to an information session for suppliers in the Québec City area which will concentrate on the anticipated requirements of various departments for goods and services and on purchase procedures.