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and indeed across Canada, who contributed to Shane's fund which made the care he received possible.

In particular, the House should note the special efforts of Marlene Siegrist of Nanaimo who fell in love with Shane's newspaper photo and became the co-ordinator of the Show You Care Society. She and her fellow citizens organized special events to raise tens of thousands of dollars so that Shane could travel to the Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Perhaps the finest tribute to Shane Vaudrin came from the Hospital staff who said: "The Vaudrins are very fine people and Shane is a dear little boy. He's very easy to love, and that has made things very hard for all of us here when we know he isn't doing well". Mr. Speaker, he did do well. He showed us more spirit than any three-year-old could show. His brief life touched us all.

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## WAR MEASURES ACT

## FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INVOCATION

**Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls):** Mr. Speaker, this is an important anniversary in Canadian history. Exactly 15 years ago today at four o'clock in the morning the Government of Canada imposed the War Measures Act. Under its Draconian provisions hundreds of Canadians were deprived of their basic civil liberties and detained without charge. This was an unprecedented move in peacetime. There can be no more serious threat to democratic institutions than to deprive citizens unnecessarily of their basic rights. If there were compelling reasons for the Government's actions, we have not heard them.

At the time the Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) stated, as was reported in *Hansard*: "It is my hope that some day the full details of the intelligence upon which the Government acted can be made public, because until that day comes the people of Canada will not be able fully to appraise the course of action which has been taken by the Government". I hope that "some day" is today. I call upon the Leader of the Opposition to make public the information upon which he acted. Canadians have been waiting 15 years for answers. Mr. Speaker, I believe 15 years is long enough.

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## ENERGY

## DEREGULATION—EFFECT ON CONSUMER PRICES

**Mr. Russell MacLellan (Cape Breton-The Sydneys):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) very proudly states that she has made all those oil men in Calgary rich again, but she has done precious little for the consumer. Remember last spring when she predicted that by decontrolling the oil industry a climate would be set for lower prices for consumers? Prices are falling in all areas of the world except in Canada, and the Canadian consumer can

look forward to even more price increases. Not only has the Government added two cents a litre to the price of gas since the Budget, but when we greet the New Year we can expect to pay two more cents on a litre.

The Government has gone out of its way to make sure consumers do not settle for just tax increases. No way! Since Petro-Canada has purchased Gulf it will effectively mean the end of price wars in Canada. That is because Petro-Canada will be closing dozens of Gulf stations in order to boost its profits, because that is what the Government has told it to do. You could say they are putting their energy into squeezing the last cent out of the consumers' pockets.

It gets worse. The ever-generous multinational oil companies, in a move to express their gratitude to the Canadian people, are trying to introduce rack pricing. This means absolutely no chance of a price war because the retailer will not be able to afford any price cutting, so the consumer is put on the rack to see if any spare change falls out. Yes, the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources can say that those rich oil men owe her a debt of thanks. The consumers—well, they are just not as grateful.

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**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, fifteen years ago on October 16, 1970, the Liberal Government, supported by the Conservatives, invoked exceptional powers under the War Measures Act. New Democratic Party Members objected to a reaction that was grossly exaggerated, considering the danger that actually existed. Hundreds of men and women in Quebec were arrested during the night and unjustly detained, like many Canadian citizens of Japanese origin during the Second World War were at the time, under the same Act. The Liberals have never revealed what the basis was for their decision.

On April 4, 1984, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) asked the following question:

I wonder if the Minister of Justice would tell us whether it is his intention to continue to keep secret the information which Mr. Turner kept secret 14 years ago.

The Conservatives are now in power, but they too are keeping secret the information they asked for so often. And they also promised us several times they would amend the War Measures Act to make it less of a threat to Canadian citizens. Nevertheless, the legislation remains identical to what it was in 1970.

Furthermore, although Members of the present Government have often taken a stand against the Emergency Planning