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I would therefore ask the Canadian Government, with the support of the parties in this House, to take the lead in the energy area, especially with respect to retail sales. I think that the Provinces generally do what the government of the country allows them to do, and if they are unable to make a satisfactory and democratic use of their taxation rights and—

Madam Speaker: Order, please.

[English]

HARBOURS

NECESSITY FOR DREDGING IN SHELBURNE COUNTY, N.S.

Mr. Lloyd R. Crouse (South Shore): Madam Speaker, the Government's policies and priorities as they relate to small craft harbours and their development in Nova Scotia are appalling. I say this because I have written repeatedly to the Minister responsible about the need for dredging and repairs to be carried out to a number of harbours in my constituency, all to no avail. This situation is true throughout my entire riding, and I mention today three areas in Shelburne County, namely, Ingomar, Gunning Cove, and Sandy Point, which have been referred to the Government for action on numerous occasions. To date no action is forthcoming.

At Sandy Point, in particular, deterioration of the wharf is so severe that it is now dangerous to fishermen and mariners who are required to use this harbour.

At Ingomar and Gunning Cove repairs are required to the wharves, and the fishermen in this area need additional space because of the general increase in the size and number of boats used by them. I, therefore, urge the Government to make a concerted effort on behalf of these Canadians, who desperately need recognition of their problems and some positive action taken to alleviate the present deplorable situation.

If a policy of annual inspections by Government officials of all facilities under its jurisdiction were carried out, with current repairs made as required, over-all costs would be lower and our harbours and wharves could be used at all times by our mariners.

HUMAN RIGHTS

EL SALVADOR—KILLING OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION PRESIDENT

Mr. Bob Ogle (Saskatoon East): Madam Speaker, today I would like to denounce the killers of Marianella Garcia Villas, President of the El Salvador Human Rights Commission and a Vice-President of the International Federation of Rights of Man.

Marianella Garcia Villas was a profound Christian, a worker for the poor, and a lawyer. She had been a Member of Congress in El Salvador in the early 1970s. She belonged to the Christian Democratic Party, and later belonged to the Social Christian Party.

She went into exile from El Salvador in 1980 as a result of a death threat. She recently returned to El Salvador with Sister Luz Maria Hernandes, also of the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador. They entered the country through the airport. Marianella Garcia Villas had returned to El Salvador to investigate charges that chemical warfare had been used against civilians there.

She was killed in the presence of 20 unarmed peasants, by the military. It was first announced by the Armed Forces that she was a foreign journalist and had been killed in crossfire. After finding out who she was, they denounced her as having fought with the FMLN. Her body is now lying at la Piedosa Funeral Home in San Salvador. Her body was identified by the church authorities of that city.

Once more I want to denounce the killing of this person, the killing of all other activists who plead for human rights in that country, and the previous killing of four women in religion. As yet no trial has been held to prove who killed them.

[Translation]

HOUSING

CANADA MORTGAGE STIMULATION PROGRAM

Mr. Gaston Gourde (Lévis): Madam Speaker, under the Canadian Homeownership stimulation Plan, the Federal Government is offering a \$3,000 grant to Canadians purchasing their first home, provided the foundations are finished by the end of April, 1983. There is a very real possibility that a number of taxpayers in Quebec and in the riding of Lévis will be unable to take advantage of this program, because regional municipalities in the country, as a result of administrative procedures, may freeze new construction till the middle of April, leaving future owners only two weeks to get a building permit and find a contractor they can hire right away to do the excavation and build the foundations.

Madam Speaker, I want to ask the authorities at all decision-making levels, and especially the Quebec Minister of Municipal Affairs, to help taxpayers who are eligible for the grant to take advantage of this offer. I suggest that steps be taken immediately in order to facilitate access to the New Home Construction Plan. Since there has been no response from the municipal authorities, I ask the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Canadian Government to provide mechanisms to help the taxpayer get out of this administrative trap. Madam Speaker, we must have action