

IMMIGRATION

ABUSE OF ENTRY REQUIREMENTS CONDEMNED

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, Canadians are angry. Canadian sovereignty has been abused and the Canadian nation literally raped by foreigners arriving in our land, unannounced, and immediately demanding the rights accorded to Canadian citizens.

The laws and treaties that permit this abuse do not represent the thinking of the vast majority of Canadians. If any of these are genuine refugees, they should know enough to seek proper admittance, and not sneak into the country. The so-called refugees who destroy their documents and lie about their status and pay large sums of money to smugglers should be shipped back to whence they came. To give them any consideration at all is an affront to Canadians and to the people who seek entry legally.

I commend the Hon. Ministers of Immigration for introducing Bill C-84, for it reflects the thinking of the vast majority of Canadians. The bleeding hearts may howl, but the vast majority of Canadian people will applaud. "Bravo", I say. "Now we are seeing democracy at work."

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TRADE

NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNITED STATES—DEMAND THAT
AGRICULTURAL QUOTA SYSTEM BE RETAINED

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): On August 4, 1987, Mr. Speaker, the Canadian Federation of Milk Producers sent a letter to the Minister for International Trade (Miss Carney) in which they stated:

Milk producers the world over are extremely concerned about the deteriorating situation of worldwide trade in dairy products. World supply exceeds demand.

Further I read:

World leaders in the dairy production sector advocate that production cutting mechanisms be maintained and strengthened, including quotas, early retirement programs as well as herd buy-back and price adjustment programs, so that world market prices may again become profitable.

Mr. Speaker, it is therefore important that the Minister for International Trade should clearly indicate to the House that the existing quota system will not be put on the block in the trade negotiations with the United States of America. Canadian dairy producers need that assurance now, Mr. Speaker.

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SUPPORT FOR AMENDING LEGISLATION

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, it would be difficult to overestimate the amount of frustration that exists in my riding of Niagara Falls, and I believe across Canada, on the subject of Canada's refugee determination laws.

Canadians have felt abused and frustrated that people are systematically taking advantage of Canada. Therefore, I strongly support Bill C-84, a Bill which will bring some common sense and reasonableness back into the system.

The new measures, combined with Bill C-55, send a clear message to the world that Canada will not be taken advantage of.

At the same time I am disappointed and dismayed to see once again that the opposition Parties will be opposing the Government in its attempt to move this quickly through the legislative process. That is unfortunate for them, because all Canada is watching this debate.

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STATISTICS CANADA

INCREASED CHARGE FOR COMPUTER READABLE DATA

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw attention to the Government's policy on reducing access to computer readable products from Statistics Canada.

The cost of 1986 computer readable census products which are still available has increased between 1,567 per cent and 9,900 per cent in three years. Canadian census products at some small area levels will cost \$2,500 per file; comparable U.S. census data costs \$175.

The cost of doing business in Canada will be severely affected by this increased cost of vital information. However, probably even more important, academic research and teaching will no longer be able to afford to use current Canadian data for the study of Canadian society but will be forced to use old data or U.S. data. It will be impossible to subject government studies to peer review for lack of affordable data.

The principle of government collected information as a public good is explicitly stated in federal legislation and policy statements. Even the Nielsen task force did not go this far in cost recovery. The Government has gone too far in restricting this information.