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Plastic, 23; Astro, 29; IKO, 15; Montebello Metal, 11; Duplate, 20; and LPC Paper, 10, which adds up to 234 lay-offs in a town with a population of 10,000.

Mr. Speaker, on top of that, there have been a number of severe cutbacks in shared-cost programs. I therefore want to ask the government opposite to immediately provide assistance to help the economy of Glengarry—Prescott—Russell and Eastern Ontario.

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HOUSING

Mr. Jacques Vien (Laurentides): Mr. Speaker, this week I had the privilege of visiting a construction site in Saint-Jérôme, on behalf of the Hon. Allan Redway, Minister of State (Housing). This is a 63-unit project for single people and the elderly, which is being built under the Non-Profit Housing Program. These units will help meet the needs identified by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Société d'habitation du Québec as part of their joint planning for 1990.

This is a concrete result of the housing policies introduced by our government, realistic and dynamic policies that provide housing where it is needed, for the people who need it.

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DAIRY INDUSTRY

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, less than a week from the final match in the Uruguay Round, which is surely the most ambitious initiative ever taken since the GATT was established in 1948, the Quebec Milk Producers Federation met with us this morning and apprised us of their concerns about the Canadian position regarding the global access level of the domestic production allowed for foreign dairy products. To reassure these producers, Mr. Speaker, I wish to reiterate the statement the Minister of State for Agriculture made to the effect that the Canadian position is clear and did not change since we made our offer on October 15.

Therefore, the minimal access to importations we would agree to under par. 2c of section XI of the GATT would be no more than 5 percent.

[English]

PERSIAN GULF

Ms. Lynn Hunter (Saanich—Gulf Islands): Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary delegation that has been in Baghdad this past week consisting of hon. members for Burnaby—Kingsway, Winnipeg South Centre and Fundy—Royal have received word today that at least five Canadians will be allowed to leave Iraq. Members from the New Democratic Party wish to pay tribute at this time to those Canadians who have suffered and worried about their relatives for several months now.

While there is reason to celebrate their return, this House must also express its support for the families of Canadians who still cannot leave Iraq and Kuwait. The pain felt by the absence of loved ones will be particularly difficult with the real possibility that they will not be home for the holiday season. The lives of these Canadians and those of our military personnel in the Persian Gulf are among the many compelling reasons why the Canadian government must commit itself to seeking a peaceful resolution to the crisis sparked by Iraq's illegal invasion and annexation of Kuwait.

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CORPORATE TAXATION

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, it is time once again for the corporate welfare bum of the week award. This week our nominees are: the first nominee, Varity Corporation, which used \$200 million of Canadian taxpayers' money for the bail-out of Massey Ferguson and then promptly set up shop in Buffalo, New York; the second nominee, Consolidated Carma Corporation with \$11.5 million in profits in 1989 and no taxes paid; finally, MICC Investments with \$72.6 million in profits in 1989 plus a tax credit bonus of \$29 million from taxpayers and no taxes paid.

The envelope, please. And the winner is Varity Corporation. Special thanks for this award go out to Victor Rice, the chairman of Varity who took the money and ran. After receiving \$200 million in tax credits to help save Massey Ferguson, Mr. Rice shuffled off to Buffalo leaving behind 5,000 laid-off workers in his wake.