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CMHC unit allocations so that this group may totally lose its two years of volunteer labour and its \$200,000 provincial start-up allowance.

This Tory Government did the same thing to the same group two years ago. This Tory Government itself has caused increased housing costs by upping the sales tax on building materials and by refusing to impose a speculation tax to deter its land speculator friends.

I call on the Minister of State for Housing (Mr. McDermid) to take off his rigid dollar cap and enable people to build this and other affordable housing to meet the needs of low-income Toronto people.

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MULTICULTURALISM

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT OF RACE RELATIONS COMMISSIONER

Mr. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, another urban problem that needs the urgent attention of the Government is race relations. Equal opportunity and equal treatment are cornerstones of a free and democratic society, and most certainly of our Canadian multicultural society.

Recent concerns surrounding the Albert Johnson and Lester Donaldson cases in Toronto, the Michael Wade Lawson case in Mississauga, and the Anthony Griffith case in Montreal, underline the urban race relations problem. I do not want these problems in my city and I know that you do not want them in yours, Mr. Speaker.

Just prior to the election, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) committed the Government to establishing a new Department of Multiculturalism. At the very least, that Department should include a Race Relations Commissioner.

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FREE TRADE

TRIBUTE TO PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, in a few days, the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Bill will be ratified by this House. This Bill is the culmination of three years of hard work by the Conservative Government and is the boldest economic initiative in the history of Canada.

Thousands of people in all provinces participated in its development, inspired and encouraged by a man who believed in our resources and potential. That man is the Right Hon. Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney).

Nineteen eighty-nine is just around the corner, and I hope that Canadians will continue to use their talents to ensure the prosperity of Canada. I pay tribute to the men and women who never despaired, who showed great strength of character in their efforts to develop this complex Agreement that will help employers create jobs and benefit the young people of Canada.

Let it be said loudly and clearly. It took courage, audacity and leadership to develop the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement. Bravo, Brian Mulroney! Your Government has delivered the goods to the people of Canada. To paraphrase Vigneault, my dear Brian—

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CANADIAN SPACE AGENCY

CHOICE OF SAINT-LAURENT CONSTITUENCY

Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent): Mr. Speaker, my riding of Saint-Laurent is the centre of the high technology in Canada. The state-of-the-art technological developments produced there will put Canada at the forefront of the space industry. The creation of the Space Agency will help Canada to become an important partner in the development of space exploration. I was pleased to hear the Prime Minister tell the House that even ridings that had elected members to the Opposition would receive their fair share.

[*English*]

However, I am disappointed that the Government has not yet proceeded with its commitment to grant the space agency to Saint Laurent. Have the people of Saint Laurent suffered because of their rejection of my opponent in the election? Surely the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) would not give the space agency to Saint Laurent just because it is Premier Bourassa's riding but would because Saint Laurent deserves it.

[*Translation*]

I only hope the Government will keep its promise to give people their fair share and build the Space Agency in the most appropriate location, that is, in Saint-Laurent, which already has the necessary infrastructure.