

project—that is the space platform or even RADAR-SAT—could ever provide. We should seek out those kinds of national scientific missions which are consistent with sustainable development and would contribute to cheap fuels which are environmentally neutral, which are renewable and sustainable so that Canada can make a real contribution to the needs of the world as well as itself and help reconstruct industry based on science.

To get back to the question of procurement, we recognize the great value of procurement in connection with space projects. This morning in committee I had great difficulty understanding what are the limits on procurement given the Free Trade Agreement, that it opens up procurement equally to both Americans and Canadians. What mechanisms will we use to ensure that Canada and Canadian-owned enterprises will benefit, that Canada, once having developed those technologies, will be able to keep those technologies?

I see that you are about to rise, Mr. Speaker. I will have to take a recess for now. I know you are disappointed but come back later and we can resume the audition.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Cook):** The Hon. Member for Windsor—Lake St. Clair (Mr. McCurdy) has 17 minutes left for his remarks if he chooses to use them when we return to the debate.

It being 1 p.m., I do now leave the Chair until 2 p.m.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

#### CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD

##### MARKETING OF OATS

**Hon. Ralph Ferguson (Lambton—Middlesex):** Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my dismay that a few days ago the Government saw fit to pass the Order in Council that removed oats from the jurisdiction of the Canadian

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Wheat Board, in spite of the fact that a survey commissioned by the prairie pools showed that 63 per cent of the farmers in western Canada opposed that move and that only 32 per cent supported it.

An overwhelming 76 per cent considered the Government's consultation with the farmers to be inadequate and only 18 per cent considered the consultation to be sufficient. There was nearly a two to one response in favour of the Government reconsidering its oats marketing decision. The Canadian Wheat Board has the confidence of 80 per cent of the farmers surveyed.

I am shocked that the Government would ignore the wishes of the producers and throw this industry to the laws of the jungle, in particular at a time when some United States producers were allowed to plant oats on set-aside acres without penalty.

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#### YOUTH

##### CHALLENGE '89 STUDENT EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

**Mr. Larry Schneider (Regina—Wascana):** Mr. Speaker, university students have been out of school for close to a month and in a few weeks high school students will join them.

It is time for those employers across Canada who have not already hired a summer student to give the idea serious consideration. Those students need the opportunity to gain valuable experience in order to prepare for the workforce. The Minister of State for Youth (Mr. Charest) and the Government have once again led the way with the Challenge '89 Student Employment Program. This year's focus is to provide career related experience for post-secondary students and also practical work experience for students at the secondary school level.

In my riding of Regina—Wascana the Summer Employment Experience Development Initiative has provided wage subsidies that allowed for the creation of 194 summer jobs with 72 employers. These projects will result in 2,254 weeks of employment.

I call upon all employers, including Members of this House, to make a difference and hire a student.