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to the growth of our economy. Mr. Speaker, the Quebec National and International Commercial Arbitration Centre deserves the recognition and support of the Canadian government.

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[English]

PENSIONS

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, 37 cents, that is all this government says seniors deserve.

The Minister of National Health and Welfare said that as long as people are fighting for their jobs, he will stand by the decision to raise pensions by a measly 37 cents.

What the minister has forgotten is the hundreds of thousands of Canadian seniors living in poverty. There are more seniors living below the poverty line today than there were in 1980.

In response to my question on the pension issue last week, the Minister of National Health and Welfare said he would fight for the unemployed, people taking wage cuts and children. What happened to fighting for seniors?

The time has come for the government to make a serious commitment to seniors and give them a pension increase they can really use and allow them a decent standard of living.

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IRANIAN EMBASSY

Mr. Larry Schneider (Regina—Wascana): Mr. Speaker, the recent storming of the Iranian embassy in Ottawa was a most abhorrent act. This act is not in keeping with the peaceful nature of Canadians.

Therefore, I request the minister to review the status of the citizenship of those involved in this criminal act and wherever possible eject from Canada those who have chosen to ignore Canadian laws and have preferred to retain their interest in political schemes that support violence as a means to an end.

Canadian citizenship is a privilege, a privilege that is earned by supporting a peaceful mentality. It should not be used as a political mechanism to hide behind while fighting the battles of another country.

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TRADE

Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg—St. James): Mr. Speaker, Canadians are familiar with the current trade controversy involving Canada's softwood lumber products and Canadian made Honda cars. Both are clear examples of American trade harassment. Where are the Yankees going to strike next?

The answer may lie in a speech made the other day by a Washington trade analyst who said the U.S. is investigating evidence that Canadian Durum wheat sales to the U.S. are violating the free trade agreement.

Carol Brookins said her country is considering a legal challenge of Canadian Wheat Board selling and pricing practices.

Canada had better take this latest threat seriously. Ms. Brookins' speech was sponsored by the U.S. embassy here in Ottawa. The Americans do not like our Wheat Board and it is quite apparent they have adopted a strategy of trade harassment.

This should be a warning to our federal government. This is no time to be caught napping. Canada's interests are at stake, especially the interests of our farmers.

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WORLD HEALTH DAY

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary Southwest): Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of National Health and Welfare, I am pleased to inform the House that today is World Health Day and that this year's slogan is: "Heartbeat, the rhythm of health".

The theme for 1992 was selected to bring to the attention of all citizens of the world the importance of heart disease as a major individual and social problem. World-wide, one out of every four deaths is due to diseases of the heart and arteries. In Canada, these diseases cause almost one-half of all the deaths registered annually.