

I would like to begin by addressing the matter which he raised in his preamble, that being the question of it being a publicity exercise. That already has been discounted. I might say to him, that just as I am answering this question now Prime Minister Thatcher is attending a reception at Canada House which is being given by the Canadian Government. It is the first time upon which any British Prime Minister has attended such an occasion.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

● (1500)

**Mr. Nielsen:** Second, Prime Minister Thatcher herself has requested additional time in her tête-à-tête tomorrow with the Prime Minister to discuss a whole range of matters of concern to the two Governments.

**Mr. Foster:** What about the trade problem? Why doesn't he discuss that with her?

**Mr. Nielsen:** With respect to the trade problem, the Minister to whom the question should have been directed has already answered—

**Mr. Foster:** He has already struck out.

**Mr. Nielsen:**—and I am sure that the matter will be given the kind of adequate attention which this Government intends to give to all such problems in its discussions with our European allies.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Brant. One question.

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## INDUSTRY

### WHITE FARM EQUIPMENT LIMITED

**Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion responsible for DRIE. It has to do with White Farm Equipment in Brantford. Borg-Warner carried the company for several years, and under very depressed market circumstances White Farm has been able to increase its share of the market with its new axial flow combines. There are 600 jobs on the line, and there are several suppliers who may go bankrupt. Could the Minister assure the House that, if all else fails, the Government will very seriously consider loan guarantees to White Farm to keep it operating until market conditions improve?

**Hon. Sinclair Stevens (Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure that the Hon. Member is most pleased that discussions continue with respect to White Farm Equipment. Every effort is being made to save the company and, hopefully, there will be a private sector thrust which will ensure that that company can not only be maintained but can expand.

## Introduction of Bills

### CLERK OF PETITIONS' REPORTS

**Mr. Speaker:** I have the honour to inform the House that the petition presented by the Hon. Member for Egmont (Mr. Henderson) on Friday, April 26, 1985, meets the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

[Translation]

The petition presented by the Hon. Member for Northumberland-Miramichi (Mr. Jardine) on Friday, April 26, 1985, does not meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

## ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[English]

### PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

#### PRESENTATION OF THIRD REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

**Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity):** Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present the third report of the Standing Committee of Public Accounts.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT ACT PUBLIC SERVICE STAFF RELATIONS ACT

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill)** moved for leave to introduce Bill C-237, an Act to amend the Public Service Employment Act and the Public Service Staff Relations Act (political rights).

**Mr. Speaker:** Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the Bill?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** Explain.

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to introduce today a Private Member's Bill which will provide political rights to federal Government employees. In the present Ontario campaign—

**Mr. Dick:** Order.

**Mr. Murphy:**—as is in the case of every campaign—

**Mr. Dick:** Order.

**Mr. Murphy:**—I am meeting people who feel that they are second-class citizens because they cannot fully express their political views. I have met people who live in fear of being discovered as supporters of a particular Party.

**Mr. Dick:** That's a political statement.