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well, a country where working women will achieve real dignity. That is what the national child care program is about. That is what the revolution in the kinds of job structures we have brought about is all about. Where women used to get the back of the bus, women are now getting quite properly the lion's share of these new jobs. This we have brought about and this can only come about with a stimulating, exciting new economy, a country we want celebrated for its economic achievements and its social compassion, a country called Canada, a model of tolerance and prosperity among the nations of the earth.

*[Translation]*

That is what we want, Mr. Speaker, a strong, united, prosperous and tolerant Canada, a country of which all Canadian men and women will be proud to be citizens.

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

**Mr. Speaker:** In accordance with Standing Order 19(4), the House will now proceed to statements by Members pursuant to Standing Order 21.

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## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 21

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### THE ADMINISTRATION

PERFORMANCE IN 1987

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell):** Mr. Speaker, as Christmas comes near let us take a moment to reflect on the performance of this Government during 1987. January was the Oerlikon affair. In February was the Brodilaf affair in Drummondville. March was for Place Vincent Massey in Hull. April the RCMP set up a special investigative squad to investigate the Government. In May the Minister of Public Works resigned. In June was the RCMP investigation of the Peloquin advertising contract. July was Guccigate. In August the Government recalled Parliament to deal with the invasion of Canada by refugees. In September there was an RCMP investigation over alleged kickbacks in Trois Rivières. In October the RCMP investigated Intergestion GD over greenhouses at Mirabel. November was the Parker Commission Report. December is Christmastime in Mirabel.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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### TAX REFORM

CONSULTATION WITH AND EFFECT UPON MUNICIPALITIES

**Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, some three months ago in Edmonton fears that tax reform would impose added costs on municipalities, and by extension

to home owners, were being needlessly perpetuated. So on September 16 I asked the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) whether tax reform would bring added costs to municipalities for performing various services like snow removal and garbage pickup. The Minister indicated then that before announcing anything he would first hear the representations of cities from coast to coast.

As we all now know, the Minister delivered on his promise to consider these views. He has stated that municipalities, school boards, hospitals, colleges and universities would not pay any more after tax reform than they did before.

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The phrases "consultation before implementation" and "participatory government" have been used since the dawn of democracy, but they have never been more evident and more practised than by this Government and this Finance Minister.

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### FISHERIES

ATLANTIC SHELLFISH INDUSTRY—CALL FOR COMPENSATION PROGRAM

**Mr. Jack Harris (St. John's East):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. Siddon) has failed to respond to repeated requests in the House to consider a compensation program for the Atlantic shellfish industry. While the health concerns are a priority, they are the concern of the Minister of National Health and Welfare (Mr. Epp). However, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans has a responsibility too.

The losses to producers are serious in an industry that is growing but financially fragile. St. Peter's Bay Mussel Farm in P.E.I. has lost 675,000 kilograms of mussels. Mr. Ken McWilliams of Nova Scotia will lose \$100,000 as a result of the problem. David Walsh of Atlantic Ocean Farms in Newfoundland will lose \$20,000 and stands to lose his business. Pêcherie Hubert of Montreal stands to lose \$500,000.

These companies and many others are facing a serious situation as a result of this crisis. Along with our Party, the Minister of Fisheries of P.E.I. has also called for a compensation program. I call again on the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to break his silence on this issue and to announce immediately that his Department will provide a compensation program for Atlantic fishermen and producers who have suffered serious financial consequences stemming from this crisis.