

support is welcomed by those of us who have realized that when it comes to reindeer Canada is 3,000 years behind the times.

Unfortunately, the Canadian Government continues to take a rather negative attitude. Mr. William Nasogaluak, pioneer owner of Canada's only herd, has received nothing but grief at the hands of the Government which would unilaterally rescind his grazing rights. It is likely that he will be forced to kill off his animals or sell them abroad.

Public policy ought to encourage reindeer husbandry, not to destroy it as is presently the case.

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## REFUGEES

### CALL FOR WITHDRAWAL OF BILL C-55

**Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina):** Mr. Speaker, through Bill C-55 the Government proposes to violate deliberately Canada's commitment to the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights. That UN Declaration in Article 14 says: "Everyone has the right to seek and enjoy another country's asylum from persecution".

Already democratic Chileans who have been imprisoned and tortured by Pinochet's police and try to escape Chile to find refuge in Canada with their relatives are routinely refused refugee status by our embassies in Chile and Argentina.

Now the Government goes further by twisting and changing Canada's laws to stop real refugees from even coming to Canada to state their claim. For example, Bill C-55 would empower the Government to punish an airline which brings a passenger to Canada who then claims refugee status here. It can punish the airline by seizing and selling its aircraft to enforce fines.

Shame on the Government for Bill C-55. Canadians from sea to sea are demanding: "Withdraw Bill C-55".

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## THE ECONOMY

### EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES

**Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa—Carleton):** Mr. Speaker, Margaret Thatcher is back.

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

**Mr. Turner (Ottawa—Carleton):** That is good for Great Britain because her policies and priorities are working, and so are ours. Her report card is a testimony to her foresight and her determination to do what is right.

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Speaking of doing what is right, let us look at our own government record. In Ontario unemployment has dropped from 9.4 per cent in September, 1984, to 6.3 per cent. Housing starts in the first four months of 1987 are up 58 per cent compared to the same period last year. Tourists are flocking to Ontario. There is an 8 per cent increase from last year. People are coming to the nation's capital to see this great city.

The White Paper on Defence is a timely and long overdue initiative. President Reagan and the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) reiterated their personal resolve in Vienna yesterday to sign an enhanced treaty agreement between our two countries.

The Meech Lake Accord is good news for Quebec. It is now a part of the family of Canada. Mr. Speaker, trying to unite this country without Quebec was like trying to ride a bicycle uphill without a chain.

The National Drug Strategy is more good news. The RCMP role has been enhanced. Yesterday the Liberal Opposition voted against increasing the RCMP budget. I cannot understand that as it is the best police force in the world.

Tax reform is coming next week. It will be fairer and more simple. It will address the problems of those in the greatest need. The poor and the seniors of the country will be very favourably looked upon in tax reform.

This is all good news, Mr. Speaker. Let us be happy. Let us have a good weekend.

George Bell and the Blue Jays are also good for Canada. They are going all the way this year!

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## AGRICULTURE

### EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL SUBSIDIES—CALL FOR DEFICIENCY PAYMENT COMMITMENT

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, before he left Canada last weekend the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) led farmers to believe that he would solve the grain trade wars at the Economic Summit meeting in Venice this week. This trade war between the treasuries of western Europe and the United States has driven grain prices in real terms to levels below those of the 1930s depression period and is driving thousands of Canadian farmers off the land.

We now know that the Prime Minister did not get agreement to reduce these subsidies during the next two years. We also know that the United States Congress is planning to increase its export subsidies during the next two years driving prices even lower, as it did with the recent sales of wheat to Russia and barley to Saudi Arabia.

Now that the Prime Minister has failed to get action on the grain trade wars for the next two years our farmers want to know what the Government is going to do to allow them to