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generations of farmers to use democracy and mutual self-help to improve their position in the market.

It gives me pleasure today to announce that it remains the position of the New Democratic Party to fully reinstate barley under the Canadian Wheat Board Act.

We know where the government stands. I would like to challenge the Liberal Party to make its position crystal clear as well.

Why is the minister doing it now? By making his announcement in the middle of the Alberta election campaign, he is clearly signalling that a few votes in southern Alberta are more important than maintaining the most successful grain marketing system in the world.

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CASH FLOW ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Bob Porter (Medicine Hat): Madam Speaker, yesterday the Minister of Agriculture announced that the Cash Flow Enhancement Program has been extended to the 1993-94 crop year. The cash flow program will provide low interest cash advances on crops farmers have produced but not yet sold.

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For the 1993-94 crop year the federal government and farmers will share interest costs on cash advances of up to \$60,000. The previous program provided cash advances of up to \$50,000. Increasing the cap from \$50,000 to \$60,000 will help farmers and corn growers with high carry-over from last year's crop. Horticulture and row crop producers who traditionally take out larger advances will also benefit from the increased cap.

This announcement in advance of the crop year will help producers plan cash flow requirements for this year's harvest. This program, with a cost of \$32 million to the government, will direct up to \$1 billion to the farm sector this fall.

Despite cuts in the federal budget, programs designed to stabilize farm income have been protected.

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FISHERIES

Mr. Douglas Young (Acadie—Bathurst): Madam Speaker, the fisheries in northeastern New Brunswick are in dire straits. The compensation and training program announced by the federal government is not even-handed and fails to meet the expectations of an

industry that has been severely affected by the reduced quotas for groundfish.

The sit-in at the offices of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in Tracadie-Sheila is one more symptom of the desperation and frustration of the plant workers and fishermen of Acadie—Bathurst. I understand why the fish plant workers in my region feel powerless and discouraged. They can only look forward to another year without a hope of finding decent jobs because, once again, there has been a lack of planning on the part of Fisheries and Oceans and Employment and Immigration.

I urge the Government of Canada to announce, as soon as possible, programs to help all workers affected by a situation that has become intolerable.

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861 SILVERFOX SQUADRON

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate the young people involved in 861 Silverfox Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

I had the pleasure last Saturday of attending the Silverfox Squadron's fifteenth annual inspection at the Matsqui-Abbotsford recreational centre. It was an enjoyable afternoon as the cadets of 861 squadron presented a number of demonstrations for the crowd in attendance. The marching band deserves special recognition for an excellent performance.

I also want to note specifically the squadron's commanding officer, Captain Ian Anderson, for his efforts. He has a large responsibility in guiding the training and recreational activities of the cadets under him. In the process these cadets are improving their own skills and positively contributing to our community.

Again, well done and congratulations to 861 Silverfox Squadron of Abbotsford and Matsqui.

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ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Vic Althouse (Mackenzie): Madam Speaker, according to the treaties signed with Indian peoples, status Indians must have suitable housing, modern education and health care equivalent to that available in Canadian society. Populations on Indian lands are growing. In Saskatchewan that population doubles every 20 years. Therefore housing becomes an urgent need.