

\$1,600 less in income tax today? How democratic is it when corporations get their taxes cut, only to have them shifted to a segment of the population that is being hit with 32 separate tax increases?

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member's time has expired. The hon. member for Lethbridge.

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#### STANDARDS COUNCIL OF CANADA

**Mr. Blaine A. Thacker (Lethbridge):** Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to ask other members of this House to join me in congratulating the Standards Council of Canada on 20 years of outstanding service.

The Standards Council is actively involved in international standards work through the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission.

Members of the House may be interested to know that these two organizations recently conducted a global survey to forecast needs for the future. The study attracted 2,700 respondents in 40 countries, including 100 from Canada, representing a broad cross-section of industry, academia, government and standardization experts. The results, Mr. Speaker, are interesting. Respondents identified cancer diagnosis, nuclear waste disposal and environmental protection as the areas of highest urgency.

It is fitting, therefore, that these two international organizations have selected the environment as the theme for world standards day, which is being marked on Sunday, October 14. I am pleased to join with other members of the House in congratulating the Standards Council and its record of service these past two decades—

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Nanaimo—Cowichan.

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#### BILL C-21

**Mr. David D. Stupich (Nanaimo—Cowichan):** Mr. Speaker, as November 1 approaches, Canadians who make their living from the sea, fishers, shore workers and their families across the country are facing a devastating winter. The cause of this crisis is our own government with its blind determination to gut the

unemployment insurance system while sacrificing the needs of Canadian workers.

Last November, the New Democratic House leader asked the Minister of Employment to introduce legislation for the variable entrance requirements. In a callous disregard for the plight of seasonal workers and workers in areas of high unemployment, she refused.

Had the minister followed my colleague's advice, representatives of fishers and shore workers from the west and east coast would not be here today scrambling to avert a disaster.

The New Democratic Party has opposed Bill C-21 because of the harm it will cause. The minister is well aware that had she brought forward legislation last fall for the variable entrance requirement, we would not be in the mess we find ourselves in today.

I call on the Minister of Employment to give up her childish policy of her way or no way, because we know in this instance her way is wrong. Avert a disaster. Withdraw Bill C-21. Bring in the variable entrance requirements now.

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#### AGRICULTURE

**Mrs. Louise Feltham (Wild Rose):** Mr. Speaker, the government has consistently given support to grain farmers under the Prairie Grain Advance Payments Act and the Advance Payments for Crops Act.

A further step to aid farmers with their cash flow problems would be to reintroduce interest free cash advances. I am encouraged to hear that a working meeting of farmers, industry and government representatives was held in Winnipeg on October 5 to consider this matter. That this meeting did take place is reassuring news to all Canadian farmers.

I urge the group to present their recommendations as soon as possible.

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#### PALESTINE

**Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park):** Mr. Speaker, the bloody events in Old Jerusalem this past weekend have prompted a stronger call by the international community for a just solution of the Palestinian situation.