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BUYING CANADIAN

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec-Est): Mr. Speaker, we can never stress enough the importance of buying Canadian. That is why I want to emphasize the importance of encouraging Canadians to shop at home and buy our products.

The economy is getting back on track slowly but surely. Therefore, we must be vigilant in order to keep this recovery going. Yet, certain aspects of the economy are not protected enough, which could jeopardize this upturn.

An example of this is that lots of people want to work in Canada where salaries and wages are the highest in North America. However, a number of those people spend the money they earn in Canada in the United States, and that will have negative effects on our economy. No country in the world can resist such a regime very long.

Therefore, I urge everyone from all regions, particularly the people of my riding, to deal with their own people with trust. Our economic future depends closely on our capacity to save what we have.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Lyle Vanclief (Prince Edward—Hastings): Mr. Speaker, the Organization of Economic Co-Operation and Development recently published its annual farm subsidy figures and again the figures are misleading.

The OECD claims Canadian farmers receive subsidies totalling \$8.8 million. It has been calculated that this figure is five times the actual support level. The OECD assumes that any amount above the world price for any product is a subsidy.

In the world market, the so-called world price of most commodities is far below the cost of production because

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of subsidized surpluses. The Canadian domestic price is higher than the world price because the world price is rock bottom.

If we use the OECD's rationale, we could say that a Canadian factory worker is being subsidized by the Canadian taxpayer because his or her wage is higher than the world salary rate. The OECD's definition of world price misrepresents the real picture.

Canadians receive the best value in the world for food in terms of price, quality, wholesomeness and safety.

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THE SENATE

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, for many months, Canadians and Quebecers have been discussing the Senate reform. In today's *La Presse*, an article written by Maurice Girard is entitled: "Benoît Bouchard: Should the Senate be abolished?" And further: "Having spoken very clearly today, Mr. Bourassa can take the lead in favor of a more equal Senate". It is quite possible. I ask again: Should we not abolish the Senate outright? It would be a lot simpler.

Mr. Speaker, I am in favor of a "triple E" Senate. First, Elect the senators as federal members of Parliament, since several of them are competent; second, Eliminate it; third, End it, for the good of taxpayers.

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[English]

REFUGEES

Mr. Dan Heap (Trinity—Spadina): Mr. Speaker, a Nigerian refugee claimant facing deportation has sought sanctuary in the Vancouver Collingwood United Church after he received a deportation order in early May.

Steven Ogunwuyi was implicated in the April 1990 failed coup in Nigeria, and Amnesty International and the Vancouver Refugee Council oppose his removal because of widespread evidence which indicates that executions, torture and inhumane treatment have been meted out to all who have been accused of attempting to overthrow dictator Ibrahim Babangida.