

Mr. Mazankowski: As *The Financial Post* of July 31 said, there has been no case made for metric, and I second that motion.

Let us look at another issue, that of Canagrex. If you look at where the support and the lack of support lies in this particular measure you will find that most farm organizations in western Canada, individuals and groups, are opposed to the concept of Canagrex because they believe it could very well become the Petro-Canada of agriculture. They call it an Ottawa food grab, and they contend that the powers to be granted are so sweeping it could become another Petro-Canada; all-pervasive and unstoppable. Lubor Zinc calls it "Agriculture Can"; Lubor Zinc calls it "food for the bureaucrats". It is rather strange that in the communist countries where this kind of philosophy is rampant, they cannot feed themselves; and we are heading in that direction. That is what is startling westerners. We do not want to see our food industry taken over by the bureaucrats and by government.

What about the western development fund? That cynical vanishing fund started out at \$4 billion in 1980. Today some \$200 million has been pledged. Mr. Olson from the other place was in Edmonton a couple of days ago and he said, "Well, we have only got \$200 million committed, but three more budgets and three more years and we will have the \$4 billion." So much for that.

At the same time we have bailouts in some regions and enterprises that have failed in other regions. We have seen a new chapter emerged after the June 28 budget. This past month we have witnessed another phase of this government's unfair and manipulative tactics, and many of us in this House recognize that the central focus of this government's economic development policy is for it to become deeply involved in the Canadian enterprise system, either directly through Crown corporations, or indirectly, and perhaps even more potently, through leverage, through manipulation, through sticks and carrots, through grants and subsidies, loan guarantees, letters of comfort and blatant political patronage in some cases. They have developed a philosophy of deciding who gets and who does not, who will be the loser and who will be the winner. When we are considering some of these examples, which smack of favouritism, political patronage and sweetheart deals, we have to look no further than the example of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Gray)—Mr. Amazing Gray—

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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[*Translation*]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing

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this House that the Senate has passed the following bill: Bill C-124, respecting compensation in the public sector of Canada, without amendment.

[*English*]

I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed Bill C-126, an act to amend the Financial Administration Act (No. 2) without amendment.

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● (2200)

ROYAL ASSENT

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

Rideau Hall
Ottawa
Government House

August 4, 1982

Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Antonio Lamer, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 4th day of August, 1982, at 10.00 o'clock, for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain bills.

I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your obedient servant,
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière
Administrative Secretary
to the Governor General

THE ROYAL ASSENT

[*Translation*]

A message was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, as follows:

Madam Speaker, the Honourable Deputy to the Governor General desires the immediate attendance of this honourable House in the Chamber of the honourable the Senate.

Accordingly, Madam Speaker with the House went up to the Senate Chamber.

● (2210)

And being returned.

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that when the House attended the Senate Chamber the Deputy Governor General was pleased to give in Her Majesty's name the Royal Assent to the following bills:

Bill S-29, An Act to amend the Railway Act—Chapter No. 117.

Bill C-122, An Act to amend the Small Businesses Loans Act (No. 3).—Chapter No. 118.