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and Mulroney generation and well-to-do people to reduce the deficit and save our children as well as our parents.

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[English]

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH YEAR

## COMPOSITION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, the United Nations has designated 1985 as International Youth Year, in which the three themes of participation, development, and peace are to be given emphasis.

The United Nations' document elaborating on these themes states that "participation implies that a person is aware of his or her opportunity, has access to the means necessary for taking advantage of it, and feels satisfied that his or her contribution has been recognized". That condition will not be met in Canada if a person is a disabled youth, an Acadian, an East Indian, or a black. Those persons will not be represented on the Youth Advisory Committee for International Youth Year which was appointed by the Minister of State for Youth (Mrs. Champagne).

The Acadian community, in particular, has already expressed its concern to the Government. Participation is also compromised by exploitation for political purposes, such as has been alleged by some to have occurred in Jamaica when there was an attempt to co-opt Canadian support for highly partisan, right wing resolutions which were promoted by the United States, or when background material and agendas were not provided in a timely fashion in preparation for meetings.

New Democrats believe that participation is of fundamental importance to all components of our youthful society. What the membership of the advisory committee might be is of tremendous and symbolic significance—

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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## AGRICULTURE

## UNITED STATES DUTY ON CANADIAN HOGS

**Mr. Felix Holtmann (Selkirk-Interlake):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to draw to the attention of the House an important delegation which is in Ottawa this week. Hog producers are here from all provinces in Canada to call on their elected representatives and to inform them of the serious dilemma which faces the hog industry today. If the current United States countervailing duty on hogs continues, Canadian hog production could drop by 25 per cent to 30 per cent. That would mean a loss in production of from three million to five million head, and some \$300 million to \$500 million to Canadian hog producers. With the five-to-one spinoff recognized in hog production today, Canada's economy could lose \$2.5 billion.

We have 50,000 hog producers in the country. About 30,000 live hogs and seven million pounds of pork are exported to the United States each week. The countervailing duty is 3.8 cents per pound on live hogs, and 5.3 cents on pork. It is disastrous. Canadian hog prices have dropped over 15 per cent since the tariff was imposed.

We must act now so that this vital sector of our agricultural economy is not devastated beyond repair. All the provinces and all the hog boards must work collectively with the Government before the full effects of the tariff are felt.

The hog producers are not looking for handouts. They have not come begging. All they want is a fair deal. All they want is access to fair trade.

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

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[Translation]

## EMPLOYMENT

## THE BUDGET—SOLIDARITY FUND FOR QUEBEC WORKERS

**Mr. Charles-Eugène Marin (Gaspé):** Mr. Speaker, as the Member for Gaspé, I would like to draw the attention of the House and the people of Canada to a particularly interesting proposal in the Budget brought down on May 23 of this year by the Hon. Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson).

The proposal concerns the Solidarity Fund set up by the Quebec Federation of Labour in 1984, to maintain existing jobs and create new employment in Quebec. It is a venture capital fund and invests in small and medium-sized businesses in Quebec. The Government of the Province of Quebec provides tax credits to individuals who invest in this fund.

The Progressive Conservative Government, unlike the previous Government, believes that this kind of initiative deserves support, not only in Quebec but across Canada.

Consequently, the Government of Canada will provide a tax credit for individual investors in the Solidarity Fund in Quebec or in similar funds in other provinces that are based on the Quebec model.

Mr. Speaker, this measure shows once again the conviction of our Government that investment is necessary to create jobs.

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[English]

## SOCIAL SECURITY

## BENEFICIAL BUDGET PROVISIONS

**Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough West):** Mr. Speaker, since the Government took office Canada's Old Age Security Program has been one of the best in the world. In spite of a