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Mr. Speaker: With respect, I have to interrupt the Hon. Member. I think he knows that the presentation has to be brief.

CANAGREX FUNDING

Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma): Mr. Speaker, I have the honour to present a petition signed by several dozen people from southwestern Ontario in the Huron-Bruce area, calling on the Government to reinstate the funding for the Canagrex program to ensure that we continue to export our agricultural commodities abroad.

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NUCLEAR POWER ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-231, an Act establishing a moratorium on the continued development of nuclear power in Canada for the purpose of establishing a public inquiry into nuclear power that is followed by a national referendum.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Blaikie: Mr. Speaker, I am happy to be able to seek leave of the House to introduce the Bill today and have it read a first time. I hoped I would not have to proceed with this Private Member's Bill calling for an inquiry into the whole nuclear field cycle. I thought that was a commitment that the Government had made when it was the Government previously in 1979. However, it looks as if we are not going to have that issue considered. Therefore, I would now like to put that issue before the House in the form of a Private Member's Bill.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

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QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 35, 36 and 236.

Order Paper Questions

[Text]

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR CRISIS CENTRES

Question No. 35—Mr. Howie:

Is financial assistance available for the creation of new transition houses or crisis centres for women and, if so (a) how is application made and to what body (b) approximately how much money was allocated for this purpose?

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): I am informed by the Department of National Health and Welfare and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation as follows:

Under the Canada Assistance Plan, which is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare, the federal Government is authorized to share in 50 per cent of the costs incurred by the provinces in providing residential care and services to needy persons. This includes the maintenance of battered women and their children in shelters commonly referred to as transition houses or crisis centres. Specifically, the Canada Assistance Plan enables sharing of provincial costs related to the operation of transition houses or crisis centres. Operating expenditures may include rental or mortgage payments or depreciation costs. It should be noted that the Canada Assistance Plan does not provide for sharing in provincial costs related to the purchase or construction of these facilities.

(a) Those wanting financial assistance to establish a transition house or crisis centre apply to provincial or municipal authorities, who decide whether it should be provided. If those authorities provide assistance, the province may request that the federal Government share the costs under the Canada Assistance Plan.

(b) While it is not possible to estimate the amount of Canada Assistance Plan expenditures for transition houses or crisis centres, the most recent information available (March, 1984) shows that the provinces have chosen to request financial assistance under the Canada Assistance Plan for 63 transition houses.

Transition houses or crisis centres for women may also be eligible for assistance under the Federal Social Housing Program whereby qualifying non-profit groups may obtain mortgage loan insurance for up to 100 per cent of acceptable capital costs and interest reduction subsidies under Section 56.1 of the National Housing Act.

(a) Non-profit groups wishing to develop and operate transition houses may apply for financial assistance under the Non-Profit Housing Program by submitting a proposal to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Any group intending to apply should contact the nearest branch of CMHC for details on the application procedure.

(b) In the past, resources under the Non-Profit Housing Program have been allocated in terms of subsidy units, not dollars. The actual amount of subsidy paid out is based on the capital cost of each project and the mortgage interest rate. In 1984, 11 transition homes across Canada have received commitments for funding and their operating costs will be subsidi-