

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, March 21, 1984

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

[English]

## VACANCY

SCARBOROUGH EAST—GORDON GILCHRIST BY RESIGNATION

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. I have the honour to inform the House that I have received a communication notifying me that a vacancy has occurred in the representation, namely, Gordon Gilchrist, Member for the electoral district of Scarborough East, by resignation. Accordingly, I have addressed my warrant to the Chief Electoral Officer for the issue of a new writ of election for the said electoral district.

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

### INCOME TAX ACT

RELIEF SOUGHT FOR PARENTS SUPPORTING UNEMPLOYED OFFSPRING

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, we are all fully aware that we are living in very difficult times now, with the number of unemployed approaching the two million mark. The greatest percentage of unemployment is found among young men and women under the age of 25, many of whom have not even had the opportunity to find their first job. These young people are becoming more and more disillusioned with their lot in life and have practically lost hope of any future for themselves.

Because they cannot find work to support themselves, many of these young people who are over the age of 18 have no other choice but to live at home with and be fully supported by their parents. However, according to the Income Tax Act parents cannot claim these young people as dependants for income tax purposes. I believe that the Income Tax Act should be changed in order to accommodate this very important problem. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I call upon the Government to take the steps which are necessary to change the Income Tax Act in order to offer tax relief to those parents who are fully supporting their children who are 18 years of age and over and are unable to find employment in these very difficult economic times.

[Translation]

## INDUSTRY

REFUSAL OF LAND GRANT TO BELL HELICOPTER BY QUEBEC GOVERNMENT

**Mr. Marcel Roy (Laval):** Mr. Speaker, my statement is about the refusal on the part of the Commission de protection du territoire agricole to cede to Bell Helicopter at Mirabel a portion of land zoned as farm land.

Municipal authorities at Mirabel and federal Members from the Laval and Laurentian areas are becoming increasingly concerned that Bell Helicopter may decide not to locate at Mirabel. We are aware that the decision to have Bell Helicopter locate at Mirabel has led to numerous meetings and representations by local Members to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) and the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox).

We are convinced there is no justification for further delay in establishing Bell Helicopter at Mirabel, which would provide 3,000 jobs for the region in the high-tech field. We urge the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Mr. Jean Garon, who was never in favour of the Mirabel project and has always opposed plans for developing Mirabel, to make representations to Mr. René Lévesque so that we can ensure Bell Helicopter will be able to locate at Mirabel.

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[English]

## SPORTS

CALL FOR EXTENSION OF ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPING ATHLETES

**Mr. Otto Jelinek (Halton):** Mr. Speaker, as a former Olympian I would like to take this opportunity to welcome to the nation's capital participants from nearly 30 countries in the World Figure Skating Championships. I am sure that the House joins me in wishing them good fortune and good sport. It is in this spirit of sportsmanship that I call upon the Government, and specifically upon the Minister of State for Fitness and Amateur Sport (Mr. Olivier), to extend athletic development fees, such as the ones provided to hockey, to other sports.

Using an example to explain this, Mr. Speaker, figure skaters in Canada are presently assisted financially through Sport Canada during their developing years, only to be plucked by foreign professional ice shows which in turn are not obligated to contribute toward that development.