

Canadians in Parliament, I received 1,100 copies of Chinese head tax receipts, 436 from elderly survivors who paid this tax. The Chinese head tax, followed by the Exclusion Act, applied only to Chinese immigrants. This was racist, discriminatory legislation which remains a disgraceful blot on Canada's history and reputation.

Chinese laborers worked to repay the \$500 head tax over many years; the Government meanwhile netted \$20 million in profits. Liberals acknowledged this injustice but refused to act. The Conservatives have not fulfilled their election promises to the Chinese Canadian National Council.

I call on all Members of Parliament to acknowledge past injustices against our fellow Chinese Canadians in an all-Party resolution which advocates remedial action. This issue concerns justice, not money. It is fundamental to a multicultural Canada.

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#### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

REQUEST THAT FORGET COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS BE MODIFIED

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, on the weekend, we saw in *The Globe and Mail* how some members of the Forget Commission were violently opposed to the recommendations that are to be made to the Government in the weeks and months to come.

Mr. Speaker, I think Hon. Members will agree that paying people \$1,000 a day to find out whether other people who are getting \$160 a week are not getting too much is totally unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members of this House to help pressure the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) to call Commissioner Forget and tell him that recommendations like these are unacceptable and to draft some better ones.

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[English]

#### IMMIGRATION

FAMILY REUNIFICATION—CALL FOR STREAMLINING OF APPLICATIONS

**Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre):** Mr. Speaker, ever since the first settlers came to Canada over 300 years ago, the family unit has formed a building block of our culture and society. Nothing is more essential to the well-being of a nation than strong family ties. Our immigration policy reflects this conviction by making family reunification the cornerstone of

Canadian immigration law. Bringing to Canada those who already have family roots in our country provides a stable environment for the immigrant and a positive boost for the community.

Unfortunately, current family class immigration has become fraught with delays, confusion, and complexity. I therefore urge the Minister of State for Immigration (Mr. Weiner) to adopt the recommendations of the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration and streamline the family class process. This will not only ensure that mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers are more quickly reunited, but it will also help us offer a home to those immigrants who already have a family stake in our country. Let us continue to put families first in our immigration policy.

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[Translation]

#### THE ELDERLY

HOUSING PAVILION IN BARRAUTE

**Mr. Guy St. Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, the people of Abitibi are proud of the new senior citizens' home in Barraute. Since 1964, proposals have been made for this project to the Government of Canada, but the proposals were always turned down, particularly when the riding was held by Liberal Member René Gingras. Thanks to our efforts since 1984 and those of the Barraute committee, the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation in Val-d'Or, the DDE in Noranda with a key project, and the municipalities of Barraute, Barraute Piedmont and the outlying areas, the project was finally realized.

The project is a fine example of what people and the Conservative Government can accomplish when they work together to solve problems of common concern, in this case the lack of decent housing for senior citizens who need financial assistance.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Government of Canada, I wish those who will make this project their home a pleasant and worry-free future.

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[English]

#### FINANCE

NON PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX BY UNION GAS

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** Mr. Speaker, in view of the need in Canada for a tax system that is fair, just, and equitable, I wish to present today our second great untaxed corporation award. Today's winner is Union Gas which has