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I understand from the Minister of the Environment (Mrs. Blais-Grenier), that there have been meetings with Agriculture Canada, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, and the Ontario Vegetable Growers Marketing Board, to discuss this problem.

I commend the Minister for this action and on behalf of those who want to enjoy ring-billed gulls, not fight them, I ask the Minister of the Environment to take steps immediately to control the number of these birds so they will return to their natural habitat, which is not garbage cans and farmers' fields.

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## SHIPBUILDING

## SUPPORT URGED FOR INDUSTRY

**Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe):** Mr. Speaker, employment and production in the shipbuilding and ship repairing industry in Canada continue to slide downward, and the viability of the industry remains clouded and in doubt. Employment has dropped from a maximum of 14,000 to 7,267. It is obvious that demand for vessels must pick up before recovery can come to the industry, including the allied industries which have the potential of creating some 30,000 related jobs.

As a Government I believe we must do our part. We must give the industry encouragement and pass the right kind of legislation to bring this about so that our industry is able to compete in a more viable way with offshore shipbuilding countries which generously subsidize their shipbuilding industries. We can do this by adopting some of the recommendations which the Government has received from the industry, such as providing concessionary financing to domestic ship-owners, doubling the temporary entry duty rate from one-one hundred and twentieth to one-sixtieth per month, placing a duty on imported fishing vessels 100 feet in length and longer, providing financial assistance for petroleum exploration activity only to companies that source in Canada or maximize Canadian content and, last, extending the government grant of 9 per cent for another two years to June, 1987.

These requests are certainly most reasonable and, if adopted by the Government, would go a long way to bring some stability and create many more jobs in the industry and related industries, which would give our economy a much needed boost.

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## CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION

## TREATMENT OF CALGARY RESIDENTS

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, I would urge the Members from Calgary to listen closely. The Tory Government seems to think that it can take the City of Calgary for granted. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has developed discriminatory practices which apply only to Calgary and are harsher than exist elsewhere in Canada.

Calgary home applicants are required to sign a declaration swearing they have not had business dealings with a bankrupt company in the past three years. CMHC is also no longer insuring mortgages on new homes in Calgary worth less than \$80,000.

The Mayor of Calgary has sent two letters to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) which, to date, have gone unanswered, with the exception of a mere acknowledgement. I sent the Prime Minister a letter last week encouraging him to respond to the Mayor's concerns. The five Members from Calgary, including a Cabinet Minister, have all failed to respond on this important matter.

I feel that these practices are discriminatory and are likely to contravene Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which comes into effect very soon. The Government should put an immediate end to these practices which discriminate against the people of Calgary.

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## UNEMPLOYMENT

## NECESSITY FOR GOVERNMENT TO CREATE JOBS

**Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre):** With two of my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, I just came back from Quebec, which is part of the tour of the NDP action group on the labour force. We travelled to Quebec City and the Lac-Saint-Jean region and our visit has highlighted in human terms the misery and the unemployment woes which beset our country and the Province of Quebec. Even in Quebec City, which ought to be rather prosperous as an administration centre, more than 40,000 people are now out of work. We therefore urge the Government to put an end to its cutbacks and to take constructive measures to solve the unemployment problem in the Province of Quebec.

In the Lac-Saint-Jean-Saguenay region, Mr. Speaker, more than half of the young workers under 19 are looking for jobs. Roughly 30 per cent of the work force between the ages of 20 and 24 is idle. The unemployed have to make do with a \$156 monthly social welfare allowance, and nothing else. It is outright misery for them, outright misery for everybody, outright misery for the entire province and Canada as a whole. We were told that hard economic times account for the suicide rate among young Quebecers, now the second highest in the world.

Mr. Speaker, we in this party believe that now is the time to begin creating lasting jobs, not to launch temporary make-work projects and hand out social welfare benefits—

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