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However, farm organizations are being told by sources at the Geneva talks that Canada has been less than aggressive at the bargaining table.

When it comes to negotiations, the U.S. and Europe play hardball. We must be prepared to do the same. I urge the Prime Minister and the government to direct its negotiators at the table to be vigilant, tenacious and when necessary aggressive in continuing to press the position taken by the Government of Canada at the GATT.

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UNEMPLOYMENT

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, in metro Toronto and other parts of Canada the plight of people out of work is desperate. Those who have run out of unemployment insurance benefits see themselves as being forced to seek welfare assistance. That is not fair. The government talks of recovery but is unwilling to stimulate the economy and thus generate jobs for Canadians. It is irresponsible to tell the unemployed to go on welfare. It is irresponsible to expect municipalities and municipal taxpayers to foot the bill for this government's mismanagement of the economy.

The federal government should extend the benefit period for the unemployed, take steps to stimulate the economy to create new jobs for those who are trying to re-enter the labour force and for those seeking their first job.

Unemployed Canadians are in a desperate situation. All they want is a chance to work.

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IMMIGRATION

Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, last week while the House of Commons was in recess and the lights of the TV cameras were absent, the Minister of Employment and Immigration announced changes to the foreign domestic workers program.

He said that the changes would help domestic workers. But the many workers out in front of Parliament today protesting do not agree. The government is again using

the guise of competitiveness to implement unfair policies.

The requirement to have a grade 12 education, a six month training course in live-in care and the ability to speak French or English will slam the door on women from the developing world.

These new requirements are not requirements for Canadians. A full high school education in the Philippines does not meet the Canadian grade 12 equivalent. There are no courses available for domestic workers in most of the Caribbean or in the Philippines.

Instead of addressing the unfairness of the current program such as violence and abuse, the minister is creating these needless standards and shutting the doors to Canada.

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COMMUNITY FUTURES PROGRAM

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the Community Futures Program. This program has been the subject of many positive evaluations and reviews.

The Community Futures Program helps to plan strategies and develop initiatives that enhance a community's long-term development and improve the quality of the labour market.

A total of 221 Community Future areas, covering most of small town, rural and remote Canada, are participating and improving their local development capacities through this program.

The North Hastings Community Futures Committee and the Land O'Lakes Community Futures Committee have both offered a unique approach to addressing the needs of my large rural eastern Ontario riding of Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington.

A third area in my riding, Centre Hastings, has applied for funding under the Community Futures Program. I am hopeful this area will be able to benefit from this program which has received a positive reception from community leaders and has contributed to a great many success stories in my area of eastern Ontario.