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cannot wait until they get the money through the usual channels.

Mr. Speaker, I agree with the two solutions proposed by this association, which are to abolish this type of service and to repeal the legislation that allows the existence—

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

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[English]

## AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

## PROTECTION URGED FOR PARTS MANUFACTURERS

**Mr. Elliott Hardey (Kent):** Mr. Speaker, the question of Japanese automobile import quotas is far from simple, particularly in the auto parts industry. This problem cannot be solved by a simple percentage formula of letting in just so many Japanese cars each year.

As we all know today, what looks like an American, German, Swedish, French, or Japanese car may contain a variety of parts made in a half a dozen countries. Appearance and name-plate may mean nothing at all so far as origin is concerned. Components for a Renault may be made in Mexico; General Motors products are now manufactured in South America and Japan; Volkswagen is manufacturing parts in Japan as well as Pennsylvania; and Australian Mazda is marketed under the Ford label. This is just a sample of what has become universal practice in the auto industry today.

Because of this, it is somewhat futile to be over-concerned with Japanese auto imports *per se*. What is really needed is protection for Canadian auto parts manufacturers with a firm policy such as that recommended in the 1983 report of the auto industry task force. Quite simply, exporters of foreign cars to Canada must either buy all of their parts and repair parts in Canada, or they must invest in the assembly of vehicles in Canada. In other words, reduced to the simplest formula, there should be no sale of foreign cars here that do not make available Canadian-made parts. For our own best interests, this is the only possible solution.

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[Translation]

## HOUSING

## BUDGETARY CUT-BACKS

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal-Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on behalf of the mayors of Quebec's regional and rural municipalities, who like all... Mr. Speaker, there are some people here who are barking, and I wonder if you could ask them to go and bark outside.

**An Hon. Member:** They are not barking, they are caterwauling.

**Mr. Malépart:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to speak on behalf of the mayors of municipalities who are unhappy about the Government's decision to make cuts in the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program. The Regional Municipality of Arthabaska is complaining about the Government's cutbacks in the RRAP program—its budget for \$412,000 has been reduced to \$183,000. The Mayor of Bécancour is facing a reduction of 69 per cent. In the Municipality of Bellechasse, they had \$540,000, now reduced by \$240,000. In Noranda, cutbacks from \$140,000 to \$81,000, and in the City of Sherbrooke, a reduction of \$225,000 on the original \$724,000 requested; in Rimouski, a budget of \$6.5 million has been cut back by \$3.4 million.

Mr. Speaker, I would ask all Members of this House, especially the Members from Quebec and from the regions concerned, to ask the Minister for additional funding to remedy the injustice caused by the new formula introduced by the Minister, which is making Quebec lose \$17 million from the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program, a program that is very important to improve the quality of our housing—

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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[English]

## POLITICAL PARTIES

## RHINOCEROS PARTY, R.I.P.

**Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg-Birds Hill):** Mr. Speaker, I would hope all Members of the House would join me in lamenting the tragic passing of the Rhinoceros Party of Canada from Canadian politics.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

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**Mr. Blaikie:** This incarnation of cynicism about politics and politicians, a cynicism so often justified by past and present political events, provided our elections with a source of humour that many appreciated, with the exception, in my experience, of Marxist-Leninists and Tories, who share the same psychic inability to laugh at themselves.

Perhaps the greatest legacy of the Rhinoceros Party will be its very useful suggestions on reform of the Senate. By turning the Senate into a general lottery, available to all Canadians and not just to Liberal and Conservative political hacks, the Rhinoceros Party showed a true commitment to the democratization of the Senate, albeit in an unusual way, and a true understanding of just how farcical is the current situation.

I am sure the late Leader of the Rhinoceros Party, Dr. Ferron, would understand if we all agreed to appoint him to the Senate posthumously, on the easily met condition that his activity therein not exceed that of the average Senator.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!