

S. O. 21

Corbett	Horner	Pennock
Côté	Howie	Pépin
(Lac-Saint-Jean)	Hudon	Peterson
Crosby	Jacques	Pietz
(Halifax West)	Jardine	Prud'homme
Dantzer	Jelinek	St-Julien
Darling	Johnson	Schellenberger
Daubney	(Bonavista—Trinity—	(Wetaskiwin)
Della Noce	Conception)	Scott
Dingwall	Joncas	(Hamilton—Wentworth)
Dorin	Kaplan	Scowen
Ellis	Killens	Shields
Fennell	King	Siddon
Ferland	Landry	Stewart
Fontaine	Lapierre	Tardif
Fraleigh	Lewis	(Charlesbourg)
Fretz	Lopez	Taylor
Gagliano	Mazankowski	Thacker
Gass	McCrossan	Tupper
Gauthier	McKinnon	Turner
Girard	Merrithew	(Ottawa—Carleton)
Graham	Mitges	Valcourt
Gray	Nicholson	Van De Walle
(Bonaventure—Îles-de-	(Trinity)	Vankoughnet
la-Madeleine)	Nickerson	Winegard—88
Grisé	Nowlan	
Grondin	Nunziata	
Hamelin	Oberle	
Hawkes	Penner	

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I declare the amendment lost.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being after 1 p.m., I do now leave the chair until 2 p.m. this day.

At 1.04 p.m., the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[*Translation*]

INDIAN AFFAIRS**ABANDONED HOUSES IN SCHEFFERVILLE—REQUEST THAT MINISTER NEGOTIATE AGREEMENT WITH MONTAGNAIS**

Mrs. Thérèse Killens (Saint-Michel—Ahuntsic): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, April 12, the Montagnais Indians were in Ottawa to condemn the failure of the federal and Quebec governments to take action with respect to the situation in Schefferville. Schefferville has, to all intents and purposes, been abandoned, and many houses, for which the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation is responsible, are empty. Meanwhile, the Montagnais in the area are living in multi-family dwellings, with a bare minimum of services, and without any play areas for the children. The empty houses in Schefferville are deteriorating, despite the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's attempts to provide maintenance.

I therefore ask the Minister responsible for Indian Affairs, the Minister responsible for housing and the local Member who is the Prime Minister himself, to negotiate an agreement

with the Montagnais under which they will be able to move into these houses, which would be a first step towards giving the Montagnais responsibility for their own economic development.

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[*English*]

VISIBLE MINORITIES**JAPANESE CANADIANS INTERNED DURING WORLD WAR II—GOVERNMENT DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVE ORGANIZATION**

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, this Government has been determined from the very beginning of its first term in office to redress the wrongs of the past as best it can today. Ministers have met with the Japanese Canadian community, listened, and searched for the appropriate set of actions. This is not a matter we as a Government take lightly.

Most recently, the previous Minister of State for Multiculturalism offered the following to that community: an official government acknowledgement of the injustice, to be formally adopted by Parliament; the introduction of new emergency legislation to replace the War Measures Act; and compensation to the community as a whole. This Government is at least willing to talk.

Our new Minister of State for Multiculturalism (Mr. Weiner) committed himself this morning to continuing discussions with the National Association of Japanese Canadians, proof that we are trying to find a fair and equitable solution to this problem which has been ignored for too long.

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AGRICULTURE**FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FACED BY FARMERS**

Mr. Vic Althouse (Humboldt—Lake Centre): Mr. Speaker, today members of the National Farmers Union are holding a national day of protest to raise public awareness of the seriousness of the farm crisis. Rallies will be staged across Canada, including mock funerals in Edmonton and Regina. The caskets carried by honorary pallbearers symbolize the death of the family farm.

Government policies are not adequately addressing the burgeoning debt and low income problem of farmers. The Farm Credit Corporation has still not clarified the problem of longer term leases, an initiative it was supposed to have addressed a year ago. As well, the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Agriculture has not vigorously continued the investigation into equity financing or land bank schemes.