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I want to make some concluding remarks. Once we lose the infrastructure that is now disappearing, it is not going to return. Once the farmers are gone from the land, the family farms are not going to return. Once the small business shops are closed up, they are not coming back. Once the infrastructure is gone, it is gone forever.

We have a chance to maintain a viable, healthy, rural infrastructure in the west based on agriculture, in other parts of the country based on fishing or forestry, or whatever the situation may be. We have the opportunity now. We have to be keeping that in mind. We have to, if we are going to maintain a viable infrastructure, have that as a basis for all such legislation, and certainly this is one piece of legislation that should have that in mind. I think in the long run that is not going to be borne out. In fact, we are moving to larger and larger farms and fewer and fewer people in rural Canada. That is a travesty. It is very sad. It is a situation that I grieve for every time I go to rural Saskatchewan, every time I go to my riding and I go into communities that are dying, where farmers are hanging on by their fingernails. This government has done really very little to save those people.

In closing, I would say that this bill is going through, we are going to have a permanent program, but the concern for rural Canada and the concern for the future of farming families is still there.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

Some hon. members: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

Mr. Marcel Prud'homme (Saint-Denis): Mr. Speaker, before we go I think it would be very appropriate if all of us wish you, in both Polish and Ukrainian, *Restos Uskras*—which means “Christ has Risen”, or if you prefer, “Happy Easter”, or if you prefer “Joyeux Pâques”, or if you prefer *Kronia Pola* in Greek, or *Buena Pasqua* in Italian. And, as you know, this Saturday it is going to be another event, not for the Christian but for the Hebrew faith. As you know, it will be Passover this Saturday. So I think it is also good to wish to our colleagues “Happy Passover”.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I thank the hon. dean of the House for those kind words and I wish each and every one of you a very, very happy Easter.

It being 6.35 p.m. pursuant to Standing Order 28(2) the House stands adjourned until Monday, April 8, 1991 at 2 p.m. pursuant to order made earlier this day.

The House adjourned at 6.35 p.m.