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weeks ago, and will not start appearing in local publications for yet another few weeks. These homes, built by persons more efficient than the Government officials running the program, have already been open for three or four weeks in some areas. Advertising and promotion assistance will be too late to enable those contractors to take full advantage of the Fall real estate market.

This Program, designed to spark new interest in energy efficiency, has instead degenerated into a bureaucratic nightmare for its participants and disappointment for Canadians who, once again, are the recipients of the Liberal Government's inefficiency. This is yet another example of why Canadians can no longer trust the Liberal Government, and substantiates the need for a general election.

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NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS

OBJECTION TO TESTING CRUISE MISSILE

Mr. Jim Manly (Cowichan-Malahat-The Islands): Madam Speaker, when they hear the strange 1984 rhetoric of the arms race, intelligent people have great difficulty understanding what is happening. Today arms control is the new label used to sell the arms race. NATO plans to get rid of 1,400 old nuclear warheads at the same time as it is deploying new Pershing and Cruise missiles. In spite of rhetoric about arms control, this has nothing to do with disarmament. It is more like trading in a couple of old rust buckets for a new car. New missiles for old is not the path to peace and security.

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Even though a majority of Canadians oppose testing the Cruise missile, the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) agreed to the tests and suggested that somehow this would help the Geneva talks. In the United States, new chemical weapons and new missile systems are being justified in the name of arms control.

What our world needs for peace and security is not some phony kind of arms control, but genuine disarmament. No new weapons should be deployed by either NATO or Warsaw Pact countries. No new weapons should be tested by either side. Existing missiles on both sides should be dismantled. If the Prime Minister wants to give real leadership to world peace, let him begin by refusing the Cruise.

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[Translation]

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

REQUEST FOR MEASURES TO FACILITATE ADOPTION OF
HAITIAN CHILD

Mr. André Maltais (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Madam Speaker, I would like to take advantage of this opportunity to draw

the attention of the Minister of State for External Affairs to an adoption case. A year ago, Mr. Norman Richards, one of my constituents, was trying to adopt a young Haitian girl. After all kinds of bureaucratic delay at the Department of Employment and Immigration, the Immigration Appeal Board ruled that there was no objection to the girl being adopted by Mr. Richards of Blanc-Sablon. However, since July 27, the case has been sent back and forth by Department of Employment and Immigration, the Department of External Affairs and the Department of National Health and Welfare. Now, 90 days later, the girl is still in Haiti, at a time when the parents would have liked to have her in Canada so she could start the new school year.

I cannot imagine why our representative in Haiti cannot take steps to speed up the adoption proceedings. Since the Appeal Board had made its ruling, it seems to me that now, 90 days later, the bureaucracy should have been able to settle this matter. Madam Speaker, I am therefore appealing to the Minister of State for External Affairs for his help in ensuring that this matter will be settled by next week, because I find the present situation entirely unacceptable, both morally and emotionally.

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[English]

WESTERN ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
CONFERENCE

STATEMENT MADE BY PRIME MINISTER

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, at the Western Economic Opportunities Conference held in Calgary in 1973, Prime Minister Trudeau said, "... what the West wants is a fair deal—wider choice and opportunity within the West, and a fair chance to build a West which will be an integral part of a stronger and more prosperous Canada". Right on, Mr. Prime Minister! Why does he not practise what he preaches? Why is the Government handcuffing agriculture in the West with Bill C-155? Why are his actions not in conformity with his words?

The national energy policies all but destroyed our gas and oil industries. Bill C-155, if passed as is, will disadvantage almost every farmer in the West. Every producer will lose all freedom of choice. During the Prime Minister's tenure we have seen our hog, cattle and processing industries either reduced or moved East.

The recommendations in the Gilson Report gave us hope, but then the Government scrapped those recommendations. If the Prime Minister meant what he said in Calgary, he should amend Bill C-155 and turn to the Gilson proposals, or to the freedom of choice alternative suggested by the Hon. Member for Vegreville (Mr. Mazankowski). He should not talk sweetly and then betray us.