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da. It represents a total expenditure of around \$6 billion. That is a lot of money, and it covers such areas as mining, tourism, rural development, ocean industry, forestry, farming, fisheries and agriculture, all good stuff in Newfoundland. Of immediate concern are the 40 sub-agreements of around \$1.5 billion that expired on March 31 of this year. In my province, these ERDAs represent a total federal commitment of over \$400 million. There are six that are still waiting for approval. We have learned also that while ACOA will not be cut this year, but reductions are coming next year. The original \$1.05 billion commitment to ACOA remains, but it will be spread out over a longer period of time. The new word for this is reprofiling. That is a great word. What it means to me is that we are going to get less money for Atlantic Canada.

I am at a point in my presentation, Mr. Speaker, where I would suggest that we call it one o'clock at your discretion, please.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[*English*]

ROMANIA
HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, May 10, was the anniversary of the independence of Romania, a nation once considered the bread basket of Europe, with a respected cultural heritage.

Today, this country of 23 million is on its knees in the midst of the most severe crisis in its history. Starvation is everywhere. Thousands are imprisoned for their political convictions.

The dictator, Nicolae Ceausescu, is intending to destroy more than 7,000 villages and thousands of churches, cemeteries, and homes. Food, medicine, fuel, and even water are being rationed. Security police are terrorizing the population and those involved in the 1987 riots are still being persecuted. Over 500 people have disappeared.

Europe is incensed and outraged at the disaster zone that is now Romania. Hungary is overflowing with refugees from this cruel regime.

Like many Canadians, we have been increasingly preoccupied by the deteriorating human rights situation in Romania. We must continue to protest these flagrant violations of human rights. I urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) to encourage the Romanian Government to co-operate with the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe provisions that were established in Vienna last January.

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AGRICULTURE
EFFECT OF THE BUDGET ON DAIRY FARMERS

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, three events in the last five weeks have had an immense impact on the well-being of dairy farmers, including those in Prince Edward Island.

First came the Government's decision to sign the recent GATT Agreement which will freeze industrial milk prices for the next 20 months. This decision disregards a fundamental principle of supply management and goes against a five-year policy commitment that the federal Government made in 1986 to the dairy industry.

Then dairy farmers were hit with the elimination of the \$7-million subsidy on planned dairy export quota, and with a \$7-million cut from operation costs of the Canadian Dairy Commission. Together this amounts to an annual loss of \$260,000 dollars for the Prince Edward Island dairy farmers.

Time after time, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) has insisted that all Canadians must share in the task of controlling our deficit. However, the dairy industry has been asked to do more. This Budget is unfair and unreasonable to dairy farmers, in light of the recent GATT Agreements signed by the Government.