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live. But in order to do so, they need action from the Department of Indian Affairs.

The Minister has been made aware of the situation many months ago by the Stangecoming Band, the Assembly of First Nations, and myself. The Minister is also aware that if this situation is not resolved in a satisfactory manner, the Band will seek redress at a higher level, namely, the Federal Court.

Such action should not be necessary, Mr. Speaker, if the Office of Native Claims and the Minister would adhere to the Indian Act, act in the interest of the Stangecoming Band, and fulfil the commitments undertaken to the Band.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS****UNLEADED GASOLINE—WRONGFUL USE BY MOTORISTS**

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Mr. Speaker, through you, I wish to appeal to the 24 per cent of Canadians who drive automobiles. It is estimated that this many motorists misfuel their cars to save money at the gas pump. Misfuelling occurs when cheaper leaded gas is used in automobiles designed to burn non-leaded fuel exclusively. This practice destroys anti-pollution devices in the engine and causes harmful leaded emissions to be introduced into the air.

I need not remind any Canadian of the evil effects acid rain is having on the environment, our health, and our forests. The short-term gain of a few pennies at the pump is not worth the long-term pain we shall endure if misfuelling continues.

To his credit the federal Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan) has advocated wiping out the price differential between leaded and unleaded gasolines. Better yet, he wants to eliminate lead from gasoline entirely by the early 1990s.

Lest we introduce an Orwellian police state to regulate misfuelling, the onus is on each motorist to control this practice. From this point forward, Mr. Speaker, let each Canadian driver know he or she is part of a nation-wide honor system. Misfuelling must be regarded as a perversion upsetting our fragile environment.

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[*Translation*]**THE ECONOMY****REVIVAL CAUSED BY GOVERNMENT**

**Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, the latest survey made by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business shows that the rising trend in employment and capital investments in the small business sector is firm and that the capital gains tax exemption announced in the May Budget will indeed spur economic growth.

Those measures have restored a climate of confidence and signalled the beginning of a new approach in business planning on the part of many company owners.

The survey reveals that projected increases in capital investments and operating funds are more encouraging than they have been for quite some time.

Mr. Speaker, 42 per cent of those small businesses intend to boost their investment projects in the near future and to hire more people.

Quite clearly, small businessmen have welcomed the measures implemented by our Government to improve the small business investment climate, make funds more readily available, lower interest rates and do away with some of the more redundant regulations governing small businesses.

The survey definitely attests to this Government's intention of leading Canadians on the road to prosperity.

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[*English*]**PUBLIC SERVICE****PENSIONS—PROPOSED END OF FULL INDEXATION**

**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of the House the plight of retired public servants whose careful planning for their days of much deserved rest has been torn as under by the Government's plan to end full indexing of their pensions.

On April 17 of this year the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. de Cotret) told this House of planned changes to public service pensions. Included in the package of amendments were provisions to replace the present practice of guaranteeing benefits fully indexed against inflation with protection based solely on the earnings of pension funds.

Present superannuates have paid for their pensions and their indexing, and they have every right to expect that protection to continue.

To quote the Progressive Conservative Party's own literature from the last election campaign:

Our position is that current pensioners signed a contract with the Crown in years past and that contract should not be altered unilaterally by government. While our Party recognizes the need to negotiate changes to arrangements with current employees, we are determined that these must not affect the benefits for current superannuates.

If the Supplementary Retirement Benefits Act or the Public Service Superannuation Act is changed, a grandfather clause must be introduced to protect former public servants who are now retired. Anything less, Mr. Speaker, would be a betrayal of trust with Canadians who serve our country with diligence and dedication.