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nuclear powered submarines. Our big boys don't need these big toys.

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**AGRICULTURE****VULCAN, ALTA.—INVESTIGATION OF SAY STINK BUGS**

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, the farmers in the county of Vulcan in Alberta have been subjected to drought, frost, hail, grasshoppers, and so on. Now they face another attack. This time it is from the Say Stink Bug, a green colored sap feeding insect that feeds upon the developing kernels in the wheat head. The crops in 60 sections of good farm land have already been completely destroyed and it is estimated that there are billions of young bugs rapidly approaching adult stage when they will swarm and fly to other crops.

The farmers affected by this infestation have spent \$100,000 in spraying their fields and they need help. No time can be lost or hundreds of other farms will be affected. I urge the Minister of Agriculture (Mr. Wise) and the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. McKnight) to co-operate with the Government of Alberta to stop this infestation and to provide compensation to the farmers who have so far been fighting the battle alone.

The Say Stink Bug must be stopped.

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[Translation]

**THE ELDERLY****GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE**

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montréal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, we are a few weeks or perhaps a few days away from an election call and I hope it comes as quickly as possible so that we can get rid of this Conservative Government.

But as these 4 years draw to a close, it is important that we look at this Government's record on an issue of particular concern to me, the lot of senior citizens. We note that elderly people have been neglected and ignored by this Government and its Conservative Members. We remember that the Government turned its back on senior citizens of 60 to 64 years of age and chose to discriminate against them as far as spousal allowances were concerned. We remember the de-indexation of old age security pensions. We know that the government promised and continues to promise an early retirement program. That program does not exist.

Mr. Speaker, senior citizens and Mrs. Solange Denis remember that this Prime Minister deceived them during the previous electoral campaign. Not one single senior citizen in Canada will want to vote Conservative in the next election.

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****THE FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

**Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, at the 89th provincial Convention of the Knights of Columbus of Quebec, an eminent and respected Quebecer, Mr. Marcel Gignac, introduced the family of the year in Quebec, the Masseau family of Fort-Coulonge, to the thousands of persons who had gathered for the occasion.

The family's story is simple: Léonette and Sylvio Masseau are two Catholics who were joined in holy matrimony on August 4th, 1962 and had two children, Jacques and Angèle. All four were involved in numerous activities in Fort-Coulonge.

The couple had finished raising their two children and were at last free to travel as much as they liked when a dreadful catastrophe struck a young family from the same small area. A young couple returning from a business trip was involved in a terrible car crash. Neither spouse survived the tragedy. Their sudden and unexpected death orphaned five little girls from 8 months to 11 years of age.

When Léonette and Sylvio Masseau heard the sad news, they agreed that they both wanted to prevent the five aggrieved little sisters from being separated: Chantelle, Sharon, Léanne, Christine and Kimberly. They wanted to give them a home, love, and the headstart needed to make something of themselves.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all the Knights of Columbus of Quebec and their families, I want to congratulate the Masseau family of Fort-Coulonge for this distinction.

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**PUBLIC SERVICE****MASTER AGREEMENT BARGAINING PROCESS**

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of the House to a letter sent to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) dated July 6, signed by Iris Craig, the President of the Professional Institute of the Public Service. In the letter she points out that bargaining for a new master agreement has been under way with the Treasury Board for 11 months without a single government salary offer. She also points out that meaningful discussions on job