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the authorization of the Solicitor General (Mr. Beatty) and the police authorities.

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AIR TRANSPORT

PURCHASE OF AIRCRAFT FROM SOUTH AFRICA BY WARDAIR

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor—Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, my office has confirmed with Wardair its purchase of three South African jumbo jets and that delivery is expected in August of this year.

On September 13, 1985, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark) announced an embargo on air transport between South Africa and Canada. How then are these planes to get here? Is it possible that Wardair is unaware of the embargo, or are we unaware of some convenient arrangement that Wardair has with the Government?

We have ample evidence in recent weeks of Tory cronyism transcending principle. Will this be another example?

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SHIPYARDS

NEED FOR RATIONALIZATION POLICY

Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu): Mr. Speaker, Canada's shipyards are facing a serious crisis. It is becoming increasingly clear to all parties concerned, whether they belong to the public sector, the private sector or labour, that a rationalization policy is necessary. I hope such a policy will be based on the fundamental principle this Government has always defended, namely that of free enterprise. In fact, any other approach would merely serve to extend the life of the "lame ducks", to the detriment of shipyards that are already reasonably competitive.

Mr. Speaker, in the past, Governments that were more concerned about their voters than about providing this country with sound economic management had no qualms about controlling the way government contracts were awarded. This solution is no longer acceptable today, and I think that from now on, the process of awarding contracts should be based on the free market system and thus on the fundamental principle, in a capitalist system, of having the right to bid on a contract.

AGRICULTURE

GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, for 20 months this Government has been taking some very important measures in the agricultural industry. From assistance to drought-stricken farmers to establishing a new dairy policy and abolishing all federal taxes on fuel for family farms, our Government has shown a depth of understanding never seen before in Canada. The new measures adopted by the Farm Credit Corporation were well received by farmers in Beauce, Quebec and Canada. Speaking of farm credit, the Liberals strangled many farmers with their exorbitant interest rates. Just look at the number of farm bankruptcies caused by the federal Liberals' failure to understand the problem.

A number of sound measures were taken recently by this Government and there are more to come. As a Conservative Member, I believe in the future of the agricultural industry, and we are doing what is necessary to help this industry prosper. Beauce farmers can count on my co-operation and understanding.

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FEDERAL-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS

INVITATION TO QUEBEC TO ADHERE TO CONSTITUTION

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Hon. Members will recall that last Friday, Mr. Rémillard, Quebec Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, made a new proposal to the federal Government that would bring Quebec closer to signing the Canadian Constitution. Unfortunately, contrary to what the Prime Minister promised during the last election campaign, this elicited an immediate refusal from the Secretary of State. Mr. Speaker, one of the requests made by the Government of Quebec was that the Government withdraw Bill C-96, whose purpose is to penalize the provinces.

I therefore urge the Prime Minister and all Members from Quebec to think about this question and make sure they do everything they can so that Quebec adheres to the new Constitution.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

PRESIDENT'S OPINION OF NEAT TO BE DEAD SONG

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Communications (Mr. Masse) asked the President of the CBC to reply to my allegations that the song *Neat to be Dead* could encourage teenage suicide. In response to my