

The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) has turned a blind eye to these activities and has not corrected a worsening situation. I warned the Minister in this House last March 25, after bringing this matter to his attention one year ago, that Brazil specifically was one of the countries targeted by phoney immigration consultants.

The Minister has failed to address this growing industry and his inaction has allowed this plague of immigration problems, which is seriously undermining our immigration process, to persist and establish roots in a host of countries.

Complementing this, legitimate and honest immigrants and refugees are finding a closed door under this Tory regime. The Government needs to prosecute these offenders urgently and send a strong signal that these activities will no longer be tolerated in this country.

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## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

### FEDERAL MICRO-ELECTRONICS STRATEGY

**Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West):** Mr. Speaker, on Friday a four-year \$90 million Federal Micro-electronics Strategy to assist industry in developing new technologies was launched by the Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Oberle) and the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Côté).

This strategy is a major part of InnovAction, the Canadian strategy for science and technology, and is designed to increase the capacity of industry to develop and apply advanced micro-electronics technologies to products and processes; to enhance co-operation between Governments, universities and industries; and to encourage complementary investments by provinces.

Systems based on the applications of micro-electronics technology are the major tools for creating new wealth and employment in the industrialized world. Canada must prepare now to take advantage of these opportunities and respond to the challenge. We cannot afford to treat technological innovation as marginal to industrial renewal. At stake is the fundamental issue of how Canada will "earn a living" in the 1990s and beyond.

I congratulate the Government on this important initiative which will help build the technological foundation we need for competitive success in the coming years.

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### TAX REFORM

#### EFFECT OF UNFAIRNESS IN SYSTEM

**Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon):** Mr. Speaker, the New Democrats' recently released tax paper on the personal tax system in Canada called on the Government to bring fairness to a system now riddled with loopholes and generous deductions primarily benefiting upper-income Canadians.

Millions of middle and low-income Canadians are reminded this week of how much this unfairness will cost them as they fill out their 1986 tax forms due at the end of this week. While the Conservative Government has promised us tax reform, it is its actions which speak louder than words.

Federal taxes on \$2,000 taxable income have increased by a whopping 110 per cent, or \$101, in 1986 for those least able to afford to pay. Yet taxes on \$40,000 taxable income increased by only 2 per cent, or \$172. Is this fair? Canadians have the Government and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) to thank for this.

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## RIGHT TO LIFE

### CALL FOR PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE AND FREE VOTE ON ABORTION ISSUE

**Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener):** Mr. Speaker, I rise in this House to raise once again an issue which refuses to go away, that is the rights of the unborn. The recent decision of an Ontario judge to make a foetus a ward of the courts gave dramatic legal sanction to a position already held by many thoughtful Canadians, namely, that the foetus is not simply a potential life but rather a life with potential.

As elected decision-makers, it is highly irresponsible for us to continue to ignore the growing medical, legal and sociological evidence which leads to this irrefutable conclusion.

Today Parliament begins a debate which will culminate in a free vote on the question of capital punishment. Given that abortion is likewise a crucial test of conscience, I would urge that Canadians at large, and this House in particular, be afforded the opportunity to debate and vote, in a similar free vote of conscience, upon the fundamental question of the status of Canada's unborn.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### OUR COMMON FUTURE—UNITED NATIONS COMMISSION'S REPORT

**Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport):** Mr. Speaker, the World Commission on Environment and Development, created by the United Nations and headed by Norway's Prime Minister, is