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tion on genocide authorize its signatories, including Canada, to take action on ongoing acts of genocide.

Canada should immediately exercise this right.

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INDUSTRY

Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie): Mr. Speaker, industry downsizing, closures, and possible bankruptcies are now commonplace in this country. This can leave thousands of workers and their communities at economic risk, particularly single industry towns.

Employee ownership and/or buyouts are becoming very prevalent in the United States through employee stock ownership. These ownerships are made possible through legislated tax policies. Canada has no such positive tax policy, which encourage workers to have direct ownership, operation and generally control of their own economic destiny.

I am heartened to learn that this concept has been placed on the agenda for the finance committee and I thank them, in particular my colleague from Essex—Windsor.

Social democracy can thrive if given the opportunity. Through appropriate practical incentives, people can directly participate in their own employment future.

I trust all parties, given the present economic climate, will support any forthcoming initiatives.

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NOISE POLLUTION

Mr. Harry Chadwick (Bramalea—Gore—Malton): Mr. Speaker, our homes are our sanctuary from the outside world, but there are times when that peace is disturbed by traffic and other annoyances of the urban environment. To minimize the impact, governments take precautions.

Recently, in new subdivisions in Etobicoke, noise barriers have been erected to protect the subdivision from arterial road noise. It is significant that a level of

government has recognized the effects of noise on one's right to a certain quality of life.

In the future, I am sure that residents will forget the noise from nearby roads because their minds will be occupied elsewhere, by the take-off and landings of aircraft from additional runways at nearby Pearson International. No doubt residents will be wondering about those noise barriers and no doubt thoughts may drift to the inevitable question; if governments recognize the effects of noise on our communities, why do they allow subdivisions to be built so close to airports?

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REFUGEES

Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings—Frontenac—Lennox and Addington): Mr. Speaker, it is important that we continue to focus our attention on the plight of the Kurdish minority of Iraq. Canadians are distressed and concerned by the loss of life and suffering which is affecting these people, particularly the innocent children.

Since April 5, 1991, Canada has contributed over \$7 million to international organizations in support of Kurdish refugees. Canadians urge the Government of Canada to continue working with the Secretary-General of the United Nations to assist the Kurds in establishing peace and security in their homeland.

The Government of Canada should be commended on its efforts so far. Also Canada should encourage the governments of the coalition forces to transfer defence savings from a shorter than expected war to more humanitarian aid for the Kurds and other Iraqi civilians now suffering from civil conflicts.

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CANADA POST

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, Canada Post is playing fast and loose with the truth again. In 1987 Canada Post announced its "rural conversion" program, a euphemism for the "shutting down post offices" program.