

To raise the issue of human rights is a dangerous practice in many countries. The 1983 report of Amnesty International states:

Some governments have made it a criminal offence to publish information about human rights violations in their countries or to send such accounts abroad. Human rights activists have become prisoners of conscience as a result in the German Democratic Republic and China as well as in other countries. In the U.S.S.R. members of unofficial groups monitoring the state's adherence to the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which the U.S.S.R. signed in 1975, have been imprisoned and sent into internal exile in remote and harsh parts of the country. In El Salvador people attempting to publicize human rights violations have themselves become victims of "disappearances". Relief workers working with refugees in Honduras have been arrested, tortured, and in some cases killed.

The report goes on to point out the hypocritical use of human rights issues in order to make political propaganda. It continues:

Governments, news media and other institutions have used human rights issues in polemical attacks on other nations while deliberately giving inaccurate assessments of progress on human rights by their allies. Selectivity in human rights work has poisoned many discussions in the United Nations.

Amnesty International calls for a scrupulously non-partisan approach. All Canadians should be concerned, not only about global issues, but also about local Canadian issues. I refer specifically to the treatment of Japanese-Canadians. There should be a specific apology made to them and a redress mechanism should be provided. We must deal with the question of discrimination against Indian women. We should mark Human Rights Day not only with speeches, but with action.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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PARITY PRICES FOR FARM PRODUCTS ACT

MEASURE TO ENACT

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-215, an Act respecting parity prices for farm products.

Mr. Speaker: Shall the Hon. Member have leave to introduce the said Bill?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Nystrom: Mr. Speaker, the purpose of the Bill on parity pricing is to provide a parity price to farmers based on a cost of production formula for wheat, oats and barley for human consumption within Canada and to establish voluntary marketing commissions for pork and beef. In addition, its purpose is to lay the groundwork for parity prices for those producers.

Motion agreed to, Bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

Order Paper Questions

[Translation]

QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER PAPER

(Questions answered orally are indicated by an asterisk.)

Mr. Paul Dick (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Government House Leader)): Mr. Speaker, the following questions will be answered today: Nos. 20 and 33.

[Text]

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINES AND RESOURCES LAWYERS

Question No. 20—**Mr. Howie:**

How many lawyers are employed by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources?

Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources): There are nine lawyers assigned to the Department from the Department of Justice.

FOREST RESEARCH CENTRE

Question No. 33—**Mr. Howie:**

1. Will tenders be called for the construction of the Maritimes Forest Research Centre in Fredericton, New Brunswick and, if so, on what date?
2. What is the present status of planning for the project?
3. Were outside consultants, architects, or planners engaged and, if so, what (a) are their names (b) amount was allocated for their services?

Hon. Roch La Salle (Minister of Public Works):

1. Project tender call is anticipated to occur September, 1985.
2. Present status of the project is:
 - (a) The Master Plan Concept has been finalized and approved.
 - (b) The Concept Design for the facility has recommenced as a result of program changes initiated to bring the project cost into line with available funding.
3. (a) The architectural firm of Arcade Albert of Shediac, New Brunswick has been engaged to provide design, working drawings and supervisory services.
 - (b) The fee has been set at \$2,200,000.

[Translation]

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The questions as enumerated by the Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.