

and support Canadian publications, such as *B.C. Beef* which is a very important communication tool for the livestock industry in British Columbia. We struggled and got a postal subsidy so that they could actually circulate their publication. Ranchers and cattlemen read it regularly and learn what is going on in the industry. They are up-dated, educated, and informed of the state-of-the-art machinery and technologies involved.

That is likely going to go now because the government is saying it can no longer afford to support Canadian publications like this anymore, it cannot afford to encourage the development of Canadian culture and communication. Publications like *B.C. Beef* are probably on the chopping block as a result of the government's initiative to make money.

When the government says it has decided to change everything and will have our Armed Forces make money then I will understand. But I see my time is quickly running to a close so I would like to move an amendment to the concurrence motion. I move:

That the second report be not now concurred in but that it be recommitted to the Standing Committee on Consumer and Corporate Affairs with instruction that they have the power to amend the same so as to recommend that Canada Post remain a crown corporation and that a commission be appointed with the powers to oversee Canada Post.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It being one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until 2 o'clock p.m.

At 1 p.m. the House took recess.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[Translation]

TRIBUTE TO JEAN FONTAINE

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, today I wish to pay tribute to Jean Fontaine who on April 24 was awarded the *Prix Robert Cliche* by the *Corporation du Salon du livre du Québec* after a unanimous vote by the jury, as part of the Festival national du livre, for his novel: *Les lièvres de Saint-Giron*.

In addition to being a writer, Jean Fontaine also works as a cameraman for Radio-Québec in Val d'Or. Incidentally, he was born in Rouyn-Noranda in 1958.

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His book, to which the author referred somewhat humorously as an allegoric adventure story, has an unusual history. It was submitted to several publishers, including *Éditions Quinze* where it was initially turned down but later published. His novel also provided the basis for a scenario for a feature film in 1981 and for a dissertation submitted towards a Master's in literature at the UQAM in 1983.

Mr. Speaker, we congratulate the winner of the Twelfth *Prix Robert Cliche* for young Quebec writers and wish him every success with his current activities.

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[English]

AGRICULTURE

Mr. Jerry Pickard (Essex—Kent): Mr. Speaker, the Ontario agri-food industry is under attack while the government sits idly by.

It has been confirmed that a large Toronto based vegetable oil refinery has purchased 10 million pounds of subsidized soy oil from Spain. Spain imports soybeans from Brazil and the United States, crushes them, then exports the oil at a subsidized rate to protect its olive oil industry.

In contrast, the Canadian government is refusing to protect the soybean producers by allowing unfairly subsidized oil to be dumped in Canada. This dumping was brought to the attention of the Canadian government by the grains and oil seeds critic and the Ontario soybean producers over two weeks ago, and raised in the House at the first possible opportunity, but the ministers did not respond.

In my riding, as in ridings across Ontario, this will have drastic effects on the agri-food industry. If gone unchecked, it could cost the Ontario industry \$8.5 million.

I call upon the government to act immediately by countervail tariff or other anti-dumping measures at its disposal to protect this valuable Canadian industry.

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NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL

Mr. Walter Van De Walle (St. Albert): Mr. Speaker, this week is the Canada Council's 1990 National Book Festival. For the twelfth consecutive year there will be a national celebration of Canadian books and authors. More than 500 Canadian authors will participate in