

Rural Dignity is a prime example of the vitality and spirit of grass roots Canada. I am sure all members would want to join me in congratulating the people in Rural Dignity and in wishing them total victory in their fight to revitalize rural Canada.

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DARYL BEAN

Mr. Felix Holtmann (Portage—Interlake): Mr. Speaker, democratic elected leaders around the world and Canada must set examples of dignity, honesty and civility.

You Canadians who are associated with national women's organizations such as YWCA, National Action Committee on the Status of Women, Elizabeth Fry Society, Disabled Women's Network, National Organization of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women, REAL Women and countless other women's organizations including specifically such women as Shirley Carr and women who lead New Democratic Parties should all demand Daryl Bean's resignation for his despicable leadership.

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SUPPLY MANAGEMENT

Ms. Catherine Callbeck (Malpeque): Mr. Speaker, it appears Canada's supply management system may be in danger of being used as a bargaining chip at the ongoing GATT negotiations.

The replacement of supply management with a system of tariffication would create unfair competition for producers because of the lack of a level playing field.

It would certainly force many dairy, poultry and egg farmers out of business and inflict much hardship in an already struggling Prince Edward Island economy.

Prince Edward Island's agricultural sector accounts for the largest percentage of Gross Provincial Product out of all other provinces except Saskatchewan.

The economic health of Prince Edward Island will be severely threatened should the Government of Canada fail to protect, clarify and strengthen article XI.

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I urge the federal government to take every reasonable measure to ensure that supply management in Canada is maintained and enhanced.

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CROATIA

Mr. Ken Monteith (Elgin—Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, yesterday Canadians of Croatian descent demonstrated on Parliament Hill seeking Canada's recognition of Croatia as an independent country.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs has stated four principles must be met before Canada can recognize Croatia. First, the violence must end. Second, minorities must be protected. Third, borders must be established. The fourth point is respect for human rights.

Croatia has passed legislation that will entrench human and minority rights in the Constitution and criminal law. Croatian borders were established before the violence began.

Finally, Croatia is not the aggressor in this situation. I urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs to work with the United Nations in establishing an end to the violence so that Canada can recognize Croatia's independence.

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GATT

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): Mr. Speaker, the importance of food security to a nation puts agricultural policy in a much different position than any other topic now under discussion at GATT.

That explains the Japanese government's staunch defence of its highly protective rice market regime which it considers essential to its national food security system.

Those negotiating for maintenance of our Canadian marketing boards at GATT need to appreciate fully that a nation's food supply is not just another commodity. They should not be swayed by the American attitude toward marketing boards, an attitude which even the Americans themselves admit is their defence against domestic problems and pressures at home.

Without the marketing board system many Canadian farmers will be driven out of business by competition from the giant U.S. agribusiness, thus putting the one area of the agricultural industry in this country at risk.