

this kind of process would be beneficial for our farmers. What have we seen? We saw a Tory Member who represents an agricultural community, the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-Foothills (Mr. Thacker), wanting us to delay that report. He is attempting to filibuster the process. Shame on him.

When the committee was making its deliberations, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture made an excellent presentation to the committee. The Federation indicated that the \$3.8 billion net realized income from farming in the year 1984 was 29 per cent lower in real terms, which means adjusted by the Consumer Price Index, than it was in 1979. The salaries of farmers have gone down by 29 per cent in five years. The Hon. Member across the way wants us to delay this process. What is he waiting for? Does he want everyone to go bankrupt?

**Mr. Thacker:** Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. It is quite important that the Hon. Member who is speaking appreciate the content of my motion. The motion is to refer the matter back to the committee so that the committee can recommend expeditious passage because his Party is blocking things and is not letting us get to the Bill.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** That is not a point of order.

**Mr. Boudria:** First, Mr. Speaker, we are not discussing a Bill at this particular point in time. We are discussing concurrence in the very worth-while proposals that were brought to our attention by the very distinguished Hon. Member for Algoma Perhaps the Hon. Member across the way could listen. As you know, Mr. Speaker, and as you said, that was not a point of order. It was not even a good point.

Let me return to what I was discussing before I was so rudely interrupted. On May 23, the Government presented a Budget. The Government made us wait the longest time in history before presenting a Budget and now we know why.

**Mr. Tobin:** They laid an egg and it was rotten.

**Mr. Boudria:** Yes, Mr. Speaker. That gestation period was surely long but the results were not worth waiting for.

Regarding the Budget, the National Farmers Union said on May 28 the following:

There were a great many hopes riding in the farm community for some positive policies to surface in the May 23 Federal Budget which would bring relief to many hard-pressed farm families in financial distress. Instead, many are now faced with the threat of early liquidation and foreclosure.

That was the National Farmers Union's introduction to its comments on the Budget. Now the Hon. Member for Lethbridge-Foothills wants us to further delay implementation of the measures in which we are ready to concur today. He wants the committee to agonize even longer on the matter.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, of the resolution of the Glengarry, Prescott and Russell Federations of Agriculture and what these federations had to say about the Budget. I will read this resolution to you, Mr. Speaker, because I know you are very interested in it. The resolution reads:

Moved by: Peter Romme

Seconded by: Laurent Souligny

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[Translation]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please! I recognize the Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Mailly) on a point of order.

**Mrs. Maily:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member knows very well that the Prime Minister must be referred to as the Right Hon. Brian Mulroney, even when one is quoting from a document.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Maily) has a valid point. The Hon. Member for Windsor West (Mr. Gray) on the same point of order.

**Mr. Gray (Windsor West):** Do I understand the complaint is that my colleague was referring to the Prime Minister rather than to his title as Right Honourable for she is referring to the Prime Minister as being Brian Mulroney. Could she explain!

[English]

**Mr. Boudria:** I was reading from a document, but of course, I will say that the Right Hon. Member for Manicouagan (Mr. Mulroney):

—during the last election campaign made a written promise to provide agriculture with long term financing at stable and affordable rates—

I know that this is embarrassing for Hon. Members across the way. The resolution goes on to read:

Whereas farm financing was not addressed in the recent budget,

Therefore we, the members of the Glengarry, Prescott and Russell Federations of Agriculture jointly demand that the Prime Minister of Canada fulfill his campaign promises and be it further resolved that we demand that the cuts of 60 million dollars in the Agriculture programs announced November 8th 1984 and the proposed 50 million dollars cut in the May 23rd budget be cancelled and that full funding be immediately restored to the Agriculture Department.

This resolution was agreed to at a joint meeting of the Federations of Agriculture of the Counties of Glengarry, Prescott and Russell. They approved it unanimously. If Tory Members say that the Budget received over helming approval, the three agricultural federations of the riding which I represent sure did not feel that way. That is not what they said about those Tories. With what are we faced? We are faced with more bad news from the Tories—more bad news from a Government which has so savagely attacked the agricultural sector and everyone else.

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**An Hon. Member:** Come off it!

**Mr. Boudria:** In conclusion, I would like to tell Hon. Members that I am ashamed of the actions of the Government with respect to not wanting to help the farmers of the country, probably as all Hon. Members are. This is unacceptable. We need action from the Government. The farmers need help. We need help and we need it now from the Tories.