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In fact during the past three years while the Canadian government has reduced the number of refugees selected overseas, the refugee division has also been steadily reducing the rate at which it accepts claimants in Canada as refugees.

Five months ago Mr. Ifijeka wrote a 20-page letter to the Prime Minister and the Clerk of the Privy Council detailing his accusations and documenting them. Obviously this government has ignored these concerns. This morning I have delivered a copy of that material to the minister's office.

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I now call on the minister in co-operation with the Prime Minister to order immediately an independent and impartial investigation of Mr. Ifijeka's accusations.

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INTERPROVINCIAL TRADE

Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte): Madam Speaker, a large number of Canadian companies find it easier to conduct business with American companies as opposed to those in our own country.

While we have reduced barriers between ourselves and our major trading partners, interprovincial trade barriers still haunt us. This means consumers pay more in higher taxes and higher prices. Business has suffered as well for the same reasons.

The Minister for International Trade will be meeting with his provincial counterparts in a few weeks with the hope of successfully lowering these barriers. If the minister succeeds Canadians will benefit greatly as we will be able to increase business and pass on the savings to the consumer.

Let us hope that success will result from their efforts.

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GUATEMALA

Mrs. Beryl Gaffney (Nepean): Madam Speaker, last week the Prime Minister disgraced Canada again by refusing to meet with Nobel Peace Prize winner, Rigoberta Menchu.

Several international leaders, including the Secretary General of the U.N. and the Pope, have shown her the

respect she deserves by speaking with her personally about human rights in her native Guatemala.

Now we learn the government has denied a visa to Mr. Jorge Soto and two academics who are coming to Canada on behalf of an umbrella group currently negotiating a peace accord with the Guatemalan government.

They were to meet with the House of Commons subcommittee on human rights to brief us on the negotiations and to seek advice on the principal point at which the negotiations are stuck, human rights.

Ironically Mr. Soto visited Canada only two years ago at the request of the Canadian government. Why the duplicity? The minister of immigration's office says the decision to deny the men a visa was made at the embassy in Mexico. Officials of the embassy say the decision was made by the minister's office here.

Which is it? Why is this government obstructing efforts to bring peace to Guatemala?

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PRICING POLICY

Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South): Madam Speaker, when goods are offered for sale in most provinces in Canada they are offered at one price and the consumer winds up paying a very much higher price. In Ontario if goods are offered for \$10 they pay \$11.50 at the cash register.

Merchants know exactly what taxes are, yet they continue to try to deceive buyers by false advertising of prices that do not include taxes or charges associated with the product.

I call upon the government to introduce legislation to force prices to include all applicable taxes at the point of sale. This misrepresentation and deceit should not be allowed to continue any longer.

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LEONARD PELTIER

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, 55 members of Parliament intervened in the case of Leonard Peltier last week before the U.S. Court of Appeal in St. Paul, Minnesota. Once again the U.S. courts and the U.S. justice system have been asked to remedy the damage done to Canada and to Leonard Peltier.