

marriages and they break up. Young people are not getting the chance they should have for the future.

No matter how we look at this bill, it is grossly unfair. I think we should have something in our Constitution that will prevent this kind of unilateral failure or cuts by government to provinces.

We feel very strongly that this bill should not be supported. It means that social assistance rates will remain below the poverty level. I must say the National Council on Welfare says the social assistance rates right now average 56 per cent of the poverty line. The only alternative that provinces have is to cut support services.

In closing, I would just like to say that we believe instead of cutting CAP to these three provinces, the government should be reforming taxes to help with the deficit. It should be putting people back to work by having a more positive economic strategy in co-operation with provinces.

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise to participate in the debate on Bill C-32, particularly as a member of Parliament—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): It is getting awfully close to one o'clock. Maybe we should call it one o'clock so we will not break up the hon. member's speech.

It being one o'clock, I do now leave the Chair until two o'clock this day.

The House took recess at 1 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31

[English]

OLYMPIC GAMES

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, the 16th Olympics are about to begin in Albertville, France. One hundred and forty-five of Canada's finest athletes are eager to give their best.

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Canada proudly supports the noble tradition of these games. Over the years, this support has led to the development of a strong Canadian sport system, a system that allows us to send impressive teams like the one now in Albertville.

Competing for one's country in the spirit of goodwill and fair play is a great accomplishment for any athlete. Within this international arena, our athletes demonstrate not only their own determination and dedication, they also reflect the values cherished by the nation they represent, Canada.

The Olympic Games serve to ignite our national pride, bringing Canadians from every cultural and linguistic background together as we cheer on our athletes. Without a doubt, all Canadians who actively support our athletes, whether they be coaches, administrators, sponsors, parents, friends or the fans and spectators who cheer them, are an important part of Canada's team.

I know that all hon. members will join me in applauding Canada's team, in wishing our Olympic contenders all the best over the next couple of weeks.

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, the dairy farmers of Prince Edward Island are very afraid of what will happen at the GATT in the coming weeks and months. There is great pressure from many countries, especially the United States, to bring to an end our supply management system and marketing boards.

The outcome of the agricultural talks at GATT could mean the end of our price guarantees and support for producers in the dairy, egg, chicken and poultry sectors. Not surprisingly, thousands of farmers in this country are lobbying hard to ensure that the federal government does everything it can on the international scene to protect supply management.

Like never before, the Prime Minister must use any influence he has with the Americans and others to protect the family farms and ensure the stability of rural Canada.