

I am told these two women will be the only women pilots in the world in an operational fighter squadron.

The pilots of this House of Commons wish them well, with just a bit of envy, because there is only one seat we would like to sit in as much as our parliamentary seat, and that is a seat in a CF-18.

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## THE BUDGET

### COMMENTS OF ATLANTIC PREMIERS

**Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor):** Mr. Speaker, when protests cut across party lines, we know that something serious is wrong. So it is very significant that all four Atlantic Premiers, Conservative and Liberal, have formed a common front to attack how the Budget is hitting Atlantic Canada.

Yesterday we learned about the latest blow to Atlantic Canada. The Western Diversification Office will be able to keep helping large firms in that part of the country, while the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency has had to put strict regulations on any help to big companies in Atlantic Canada. This means footloose firms will be bribed to go west rather than to the poorer Atlantic provinces, hardly what fair regional development should be about.

The Atlantic Premiers have requested a meeting with the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). We believe this should take place urgently.

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## AVIATION

### HOT AIR BALLOONS

**Mr. Ross Stevenson (Durham):** Mr. Speaker, the headlines say: "Balloons stampede herd".

Hot air balloons are much more frightening to livestock than engine powered aircraft or vehicles, which can be seen and heard approaching and leaving the vicinity. When the burner ignites on the balloon to give more altitude, it frequently fires with a loud bang, like a gun. As in western movies when the rustlers fired their guns overhead, herds frequently stampede.

This past week, 17 balloons passed over several livestock farms in central Ontario. One balloon, bearing the

Kodak logo, had its burner started directly over a herd. In just one of the frightened herds, 107 calves less than six weeks old, 160 cows, some close to giving birth, all stampeded. By some miracle, none of the young calves were trampled.

Last year a similar balloon caused a stampede on a nearby farm, and a very pregnant cow had to be destroyed. The unborn calf was saved by Caesarean section.

I urge the Government to properly regulate hot air balloons, balloonists to start policing themselves, and pilots to be more considerate of livestock and property.

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## IMMIGRATION

### CHINESE STUDENTS IN CANADA

**Hon. Bob Kaplan (York Centre):** Mr. Speaker, there are some 4,500 students from China in Canada at this moment and we recognize that this is a particularly tragic time for them. There are 110 studying at York University, located in my riding of York Centre.

They have sent to me letters and petitions with hundreds of signatures. I have brought them to the House, and I hope Members will want to examine them, urging the strongest condemnation of their Government.

I want to talk about the situation of these students. The Government of Canada has agreed to suspend for at least a two-month period removals to China under the Immigration Act. But there is more that can be done to help these students from China in this time of crisis.

An indefinite extension of student visas would help ameliorate the current state of uncertainty and anxiety which they feel. Similarly, there are financial problems created for these students because financial support for them which has been coming from China may not be forthcoming or continue.

I urge the Government of Canada to make representations to the provinces of our country in order to obtain foreign student fee exemptions or deferments for these students. Finally, the question of political asylum must be considered by the Government and would be appropriate given—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member.