

poverty line. The Government is not doing enough for the poor in Canada.

The fact that so many of our fellow Canadians live in poverty suggests very strongly that there is a problem with our social welfare system. Instead of helping those in need, the Government has chosen to help its affluent and rich friends on Bay Street and elsewhere.

The Conservative Government and the wife of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) take pride in opening food banks. However, we in the Liberal Opposition will not rest until every last damn food bank in Canada is closed. I call upon the Government to take immediate action to assist the millions of Canadians living in poverty.

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AGRICULTURE

CANOLA—DROP IN PRICE PAID TO GROWERS

Mr. Jack Scowen (Mackenzie): Mr. Speaker, the Saskatchewan Canola Growers Association is very concerned with the downgrading of rates paid to growers by the companies. There seems to be a slightly higher chlorophyll content in the current crop as compared to last year's. It would appear that companies buying the seed are taking advantage of the producer to the tune of from \$22 to \$35 per tonne, and even more if the elevator agent buys the seed as No. 3.

Last year 57 per cent of the crop was bought as No. 1 seed while 75 per cent was loaded in Vancouver as No. 1 seed. That is a substantial loss to the producer. The grading system has not been perfected in canola purchases. The buyer simply puts 100 seeds in a receptacle and rolls the seed. The grade is established by what he thinks is green. The Canadian Grain Commission also grades, but this is time consuming.

The Canadian Grain Commission should make a policy whereby agents—

Mr. Speaker: I regret that the Hon. Member's time has expired.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

PERSECUTION OF BAHAI COMMUNITY IN IRAN

Mr. John Parry (Kenora—Rainy River): Mr. Speaker, the Baha'i community of Canada has thanked successive Canadian Governments and successive Canadian Parliaments for the concern, interest, and leadership displayed in bringing to public attention the tragic situation of the Baha'i community in Iran.

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Repression, executions, torture, imprisonment, arbitrary arrest and arbitrary deprivation of property continue in Iran. This arises because of the failure of the Iranian constitution to recognize Baha'is as persons, instead labelling them as unclean infidels.

The House and all Canadians must call for the inclusion of rights for all persons in Iran in the constitution of that country.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

U.S.S.R.—CHILD ALLOWED TO JOIN PARENTS OUTSIDE COUNTRY

Mr. Andrew Witer (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, some eight months ago I stood in the House to bring to your attention the case of Kaisa Randpere.

Kaisa, who is now three years old, was being held hostage by Soviet authorities who refused permission for the child to join her parents in the West.

The world community reacted to this inhumane separation of parents and child by mounting a campaign to free Kaisa. The letter-writing campaign played an important role in bringing to bear the weight of public opinion against the Soviet Union.

We have now received the good news that Kaisa will be allowed to join her parents at last. Her case is an example to all of us of what we can accomplish if we work together, speaking out against human rights violations wherever they occur.

Let us never forget that the greatest enemy of freedom is silence and that every Member of this House has a duty and responsibility to speak out for those who cannot speak for themselves.

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SPORTS

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE—BOOSTER FOR HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, the Hamilton Tiger-Cats are down but they are not out.

Mr. Nunziata: Go Argos.

Ms. Copps: As a matter of fact we happen to have in the galleries today students from my old high school, Bishop Ryan High School. They will be supporting the Hamilton Tiger-Cats because I and my team have promised, just like Vince Lombardi said, "When the going gets tough, the tough get going."