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to make a small withdrawal, and was humiliated on being informed that he had no money because his bank account had been closed by Revenue Canada. Not only did Revenue Canada not comply with the \$50 per month agreement, but it closed this man's bank account with absolutely no warning whatsoever.

Now, I ask, in all that is decent and honourable, that Revenue Canada and our Government take a long hard look at its methods of extracting payments from citizens who acknowledge their debt and are doing everything in their power to meet their obligations.

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[Translation]

AGRICULTURE

REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT AID FOR PORTNEUF, P.Q. FARMERS

Mr. Rolland Dion (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State for Economic Development and Minister of State for Science and Technology): Mr. Speaker, UPA leaders from the Quebec City region, representing farmers in the riding of Portneuf, have asked to meet the Minister of Agriculture of Canada (Mr. Whelan) as soon as possible.

As a result of weather conditions in the spring and summer of 1983, forage crops—mainly hay—and potato crops suffered serious losses, in some cases as much as 50 to 60 per cent. I therefore ask the Minister of Agriculture to meet as soon as possible with representatives of the Union des producteurs agricoles du Québec in order to examine forthwith ways of helping these farmers who are in a very precarious position at the beginning of the new year. I also ask Cabinet, and especially the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) to pay particular attention to any requests he may receive from the Minister of Agriculture in this respect. Mr. Speaker, in Portneuf, farming represents 50 per cent of our economic activity. Thank you.

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[English]

EMPLOYMENT

RECYCLING OF WORKERS THROUGH GOVERNMENT
JOB-CREATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission-Port Moody): Mr. Speaker, the Government opposite has designed patchwork, short-term job-creation programs which are leading to the creation of a major recycling scheme—not the recycling of metal or paper, but the recycling of people. The Liberal Government is creating a master plan to recycle the unemployed.

Unemployment insurance recipients are put on Section 38 programs; then those programs are extended. When a Section 38 program runs out, the unemployed person becomes an exhaustee and is hired on a Canada Works program. When the Canada Works project is completed the person is then eligible

to requalify for unemployment insurance benefits again. It is one big vicious circle, a treadmill for the unemployed, operated by the Liberal mismanagers, and powered by deficit money which you and I owe.

There are no long-term solutions offered by the Liberal wrecking crew, Mr. Speaker, just government controlled, public financed, recycling programs. Canada Works, NEED, LEAP, and the other Liberal programs are garbage. They are components of an over-all master plan which is designed to have the Big Brother Liberal Government pull all the strings.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

PLIGHT OF IMPRISONED URUGUAYAN MATHEMATICIAN, JOSE
LUIS MASSERA

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Veterans Affairs): Mr. Speaker, recent events in Argentina are tremendously encouraging to all of us who are concerned to see an end to the use of torture and oppression of political opponents in Latin America. In Uruguay, however, one of the most notorious cases of cruel oppression is that of the distinguished mathematician and parliamentarian, Professor Jose Luis Massera. He was tortured eight years ago, and has been held in harsh prison conditions since that time.

A world-wide campaign on behalf of Professor Massera was begun two years ago by a Canadian group, The Canadian Committee of Scientists and Scholars. As part of that campaign, our Canadian Nobel Laureate, Dr. Gerhard Herzberg, and 50 other Nobel Laureates throughout the world have asked for action by the Government of Canada and the other Governments which are members of the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations, which will be in session in Geneva beginning February 6, 1984. These Nobel Laureates ask their Governments to instruct their delegation to this session of the Human Rights Commission to press strongly, ardently, and unrelentingly for the release of Massera. I hope that our Government will give such instruction to our delegation and that Members of Parliament will support that initiative.

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NUCLEAR ENERGY

CALL FOR COMMISSION TO STUDY INDUSTRY

Mr. Doug Anguish (The Battlefords-Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, since this House reconvened on January 12 there have been numerous interventions about the uranium industry and, in particular, Key Lake. I personally have risen 15 times in the House since 100 million litres of radium 226 contaminated water spilled at Key Lake. I believe we have successfully found out why and how the spill occurred. Still many questions remain in people's minds about this particular