

support the bill and urge his colleagues to vote in favour of the bill on Monday?

**Hon. Jean Corbeil (Minister of Labour and Minister of State (Transport)):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is no.

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[English]

### AGRICULTURE

**Mr. Lyle Vancief (Prince Edward—Hastings):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Agriculture. This weekend in Geneva, trade ministers from 29 countries, including Canada, will be meeting in an effort to break the GATT deadlock primarily involving agriculture subsidies.

Given our own trade minister's embarrassment over the fact that his government actually provides assistance to farmers, and given the refusal of the Minister of Agriculture refusal to defend Canada's true level of support, can the minister guarantee that the trade minister will not give up and will not further reduce support to Canadian agriculture and add even more to Canada's give-up list?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, as the House has noticed, Canada already has a very widely admired offer on the table at Geneva with respect to agricultural matters which, if accepted by the other people engaged in negotiations, will do a great deal for Canadian agriculture.

The hon. gentleman should be trying to put some pressure—and God knows he can't exert very much—on the European Community which has thrown a road-block at the whole process of reform of agricultural trade in the world. Why does he not direct a question to the east—

**Mr. Speaker:** A very short single question.

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### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

**Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau):** Mr. Speaker, the government's new unemployment legislation is not only untimely given the recession, but its implementation is a nightmare in certain cases.

Since the government has collected higher premiums as of January 1, 1990 and given the lack of affordable day care facilities for Canadian families, particularly during hard times such as these, will the minister give Canadian

families what they paid for since January, 1990 and make the parental benefits retroactive to that date?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** No, Mr. Speaker.

**Some hon. members:** Oh, oh!

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### PRESENCE IN THE GALLERY

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish to draw the members' attention the presence in the gallery of the Hon. Titus Allooloo, Minister Responsible for Culture, Communication and Renewable Resources of Canada's Northwest Territories.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** I wish also to bring to the attention of members the presence in the gallery of Dr. France Bucar, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Slovenia.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear.

**Mr. Speaker:** I know hon. members would want me to also recognize the presence in the gallery of a very distinguished parliamentarian and old friend of all of us, the Hon. George Hees.

**Some hon. members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier. I warn my hon. friend that is a hard act to follow.

**Mr. Gauthier:** I appreciate that, Mr. Speaker.

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[Translation]

### BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

#### WEEKLY STATEMENT

**Mr. Jean-Robert Gauthier (Ottawa—Vanier):** Mr. Speaker, as usual on Thursdays we ask the government to tell us the legislative menu the government has in mind for the next few days. Would it be possible to know what the House can expect tomorrow, Monday and Tuesday?

[English]

**Hon. Harvie Andre (Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, I should be asking the hon. House Leader what will happen tomorrow, because he knows it is our intent that it be an allotted day and we wait with interest for his motion.