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that deadline and he has refused to provide an alternate date. It is time for the Minister to realize that he must have the input of the public if he is to run the Post Office in any decent fashion whatsoever.

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## EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

## APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

**Mr. John Ostrom (Willowdale):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Government appointed Daniel Molgat as Ambassador to the European Community in Brussels. Mr. Molgat, who was Canada's Ambassador to Spain, will now perform a very crucial role for Canada because the international dispute between the United States and the European Economic Community over grain was settled on January 29, 1987.

Mr. Molgat, a 26-year veteran of Canada's diplomatic service, will bring a wealth of experience to the job, thus ensuring a solid reputation for and protection of Canada's interests. Members of the Opposition should be applauding the appointment of this extremely well qualified individual. Perhaps they are silent because Mr. Molgat is the younger brother of Liberal Senator Gil Molgat. This appointment, along with many others the Government has made, shows the Government's commitment to quality and excellence in selecting individuals to serve Canada.

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[Translation]

## SOCIAL SECURITY

## NEED TO MAINTAIN JOB-CREATION PROGRAMS

**Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie):** Mr. Speaker, the newspaper *La Presse* has just published five articles which clearly illustrate the catastrophic situation of poor people in Greater Montreal and Quebec generally. These articles indicate that more than half a million people in the Montreal metropolitan area live under the threshold of poverty and have to line up to get a bowl of soup. The articles also point out an 11-year life expectancy gap between the residents of Saint-Henri and those of Mont-Royal.

We are told as well about the appalling living conditions of younger people who, forced to make do with meagre social assistance benefits, must also queue up in bread lines.

In my opinion, Mr. Speaker, both the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Bouchard) and the Minister of State (Youth) (Mr. Charest) ought to read these articles if only to appreciate the fact that, contrary to what they claim, instead of slashing into job creation programs—such as community development or Challenge 87 projects—and

shifting them onto the private sector, they should continue to fund them in support of charitable organizations which help people get out of their misery.

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## POLITICAL PARTIES

## MR. BROADBENT'S MESSAGE

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Blackburn (Jonquière):** Mr. Speaker, you can imagine my surprise a few days ago when I found in my Jonquière mail box—as many of my constituents did in theirs—a letter entitled “Message from Ed Broadbent, MP for Oshawa”.

Mr. Speaker, I want to denounce this initiative on the part of the Leader of the New Democratic Party who uses his privileges for partisan activities to make a phoney survey among Canadians.

Here is the kind of comment to which taxpayers are expected to respond: Yes, I think that a tax reform guaranteeing that each taxpayer pays his fair share is necessary. Low or average income Canadians should not have to bear an unfair tax burden. Can anyone be against that?

Here is another typical question, Mr. Speaker: Yes, I support you when you advocate fair taxation! Mr. Speaker, can anyone be against fair taxation?

This approach must be denounced. It is unbelievable that such questions should even be put to Canadians. It is a waste of public funds, altogether shameful. This phoney survey is so ridiculous that Canadians are not even given an opportunity to say no. I have a copy here, Mr. Speaker.

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[English]

## TRADE

## CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—DEMAND FOR CANCELLATION

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, my colleague, the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Cassidy), recently attended the national convention of the Canadian Paperworkers Union. The delegates asked him to take a message to the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) of Canada. I do so on his and their behalf.

More than 10,000 members of the Canadian Paperworkers Union from coast to coast have signed cards to send to the Prime Minister expressing their concern about the Government's free trade talks. The cards say: “No to free trade. Sir, you have no mandate to negotiate our way of life. You have no mandate to negotiate away the jobs of one million Canadian