

A lot of time has passed and there has been no pay-out. The farmers should have received money in September, but they did not. They should have received money in October, but they did not. As yet, the farmers have not received the money in November. Where is that money? Why is there not a pay-out? The farmers are waiting. They are telephoning our offices to ask where is that money and what has happened to the promise which was made by the Conservative Party. The farmers were flooded out last May and June, now they are being frozen out by the Conservative Party.

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PORNOGRAPHY

PRESSURE FOR INCREASED PENALTIES

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, in the last few weeks I have received a fair amount of mail from constituents concerning pornography and the necessity of passing meaningful legislation to help stamp out this cancer from our society. It is my opinion that we will never deal seriously with pornography until we have substantial fines and other penalties, such as loss of licence for those who profit from this scourge.

Recently there have been new initiatives to fight pornography in the United States. This is certainly welcome in Canada. A crack-down on pornography in the U.S. will have a positive reaction here, as the United States is the chief source of our pornography.

In the United States, increasing fines to a \$100,000 possible maximum for a first offence and \$200,000 for a subsequent offence will, I believe, take the profits out of this industry, and industry is what pornography is all about. In Canada, by comparison, the fines in recent cases have been at the level of a few hundred dollars—not enough to be a deterrent.

In the United States, federal and state authorities are working together to get offenders more speedily to court. This is not happening in Canada.

Some of us who were here in the last Parliament pressed the former Government, without success, to deal with pornographers more swiftly and with greater clout, by having amendments passed to the Broadcasting Act and to the obscenity provisions of the Criminal Code. It is my hope that the Government will soon bring the proposed changes before Parliament. I feel confident that, if appropriate legislation is brought forth, it will result in swift passage and will be supported by all Members of the House.

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DISARMAMENT

ARMS VERIFICATION CONTROL TECHNIQUES—CANADIAN ROLE

Mr. Reg Stackhouse (Scarborough West): Mr. Speaker, the announcement that the United States and the Soviet Union will meet in January to negotiate an agenda for talks on

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limiting nuclear arms gives Canada an opportunity for leadership in the cause of arms reduction.

In view of the American announced willingness to discuss all issues, Canada has an opportunity to recommend that items of special concern to this country be on the agenda. One should be to strengthen existing non-proliferation agreements. A second should be the reaching of a comprehensive test ban treaty. More important still should be an agreement on mutually verifiable reductions of nuclear weapons. Most significant in the long run should be a pre-emptive ban on satellite and anti-satellite weapons in high altitude orbits.

To show our commitment as a country, Canada should continue its current research on arms control verification techniques and make no expenditure reductions in this area.

In view of the disappointing history of previous arms control talks, Canada can contribute to the potential success of these discussions by calling now on both superpowers to commit themselves to continue the negotiations until adequate agreements have been made.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

FAMINE AND OTHER TRAGEDIES

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, as we are all aware, the eyes of the world are focused on the tremendous tragedy that has evolved in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa.

As someone who spent a number of years living and working in East and Central Africa, I can testify to the unfortunate conditions that the vast majority of African peoples live with on a daily basis.

The contributions that Canada is making to assist the victims of the current crisis are remarkable. The people of my riding have also been extremely generous with cash donations, time, and services.

I ask the Government, however, not to lose sight of the many other human tragedies, acts of indiscriminate violence, and powerful discrimination in the world today. In particular, I refer to the murder and suppression of the Tamil people of Jaffra in Sri Lanka, and the untold horror which has taken place in recent months in the Hindu-Sikh conflict in Punjab state and other parts of India.