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I am fully aware that various Departments of the Government, namely, Tourism, Transport, the Secretary of State, and Employment and Immigration, have all had the opportunity to evaluate this proposal and make constructive suggestions. All Ministers of these respective Departments are to be commended for their genuine interest and understanding in meeting the increasing needs faced by the disabled.

I sincerely hope, however, that some form of financial assistance will be found for this commendable and innovative proposal.

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

MINING OF NICARAGUAN WATERS BY UNITED STATES—
CONDEMNATION BY WORLD COURT

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the World Court condemned the United States for mining Nicaraguan territorial waters contrary to international law. The United States Government has said that it will ignore this judgment. What a sad day for leadership in the western world!

Here we have another example of the greatest power in the NATO Alliance systematically undermining international institutions which are the only alternative to military power in resolving international disputes. This comes one day after the United States House of Representatives voted \$100 million for military aid to the Contra terrorists fighting to overthrow the legitimate Nicaraguan Government.

The United States has also sabotaged the Contadora peace process in Central America. It seems that the U.S. has forsaken the negotiated peaceful settlement of conflicts for a policy of military solutions. It appears that the policy of the present U.S. Government is "might is right", which is the law of the jungle—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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ENERGY

PRICE OF GASOLINE IN OTTAWA AREA

Mr. Bill Tupper (Nepean—Carleton): Mr. Speaker, local consumers in Nepean—Carleton are being treated unfairly in respect of the cost of gasoline. The average price for gasoline in the Ottawa area during June was 44.8 cents per litre, while prices in other metro areas in Ontario were from 4 cents to 6 cents per litre less. There is a strong implication that these price differences are a result of oil companies recognizing a stable market and regulating prices.

Canadians are aware that our country is operating in a deregulated market where the price of gasoline is not set by government but by market forces. However, a 4 cent to 6 cent per litre differential is too great a difference and cannot be accounted by transportation costs.

I ask the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney) to investigate this example of potential price maintenance and to raise this concern immediately with Petro-Canada, which is now one of two major market trend-setters in the Ottawa area.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

EFFECT OF REGULATION ON PENSIONS OF FORMER WHITE
FARM EQUIPMENT WORKERS

Mr. Derek Blackburn (Brant): Mr. Speaker, I am speaking this morning on behalf of some 600 outraged former White Farm Equipment workers in Brantford, Ontario.

Their pension program was just settled this past week. Most of them will be receiving a paltry \$1,500 lump sum, to be invested over the next 25 years or 30 years in the hope that by the time they turn 65 years of age they will be receiving about \$130 per month.

The problem is that those who are on unemployment insurance—and I understand there are about 300 of them—will have their UI benefits cut off, thus reducing the pension pay-out by at least half.

In view of the fact that almost all the 600 workers were laid off nine months before the new iniquitous UI regulation was brought in last January, I call upon the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) to rescind that regulation and allow these White Farm workers to receive at least the paltry \$1,500 or \$2,000 for which they worked for some 15 or 20 years.

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THIRD WORLD RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. William C. Winegard (Guelph): Mr. Speaker, I have just finished reading a new book entitled *With Our Own Hands*. It is a story about research and Third World development. On the whole it is a success story. It is of interest to Canadians for two reasons. First, it is about IDRC. Second, it concerns, directly or indirectly, several Canadian research institutions including the famous university in Guelph.

I have asked the President of IDRC for enough copies to give to all Members of the House.