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GARRISON DIVERSION

CONSTRUCTION OF LONETREE RESERVOIR—DEMAND FOR SAFEGUARDS

Mr. Lee Clark (Brandon-Souris): Madam Speaker, the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) and the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Caccia) are scheduled to meet in Halifax this weekend with the Secretary of State for the United States and with other American environmental officials. It is an excellent opportunity for Canada to state strongly its objection to the Garrison Diversion Project which threatens our country's waterways, particularly in my home Province of Manitoba. Canada has not fared well in its efforts to halt the project, and I submit that the federal Government is largely responsible for that failure. Its efforts have been half-hearted.

This failure was most apparent when a contract was awarded for the construction of phase one of the Lonetree Reservoir Dam. With this weekend's meeting in Halifax, and with the recent resignation of the American Secretary of the Interior who was an ardent Garrison proponent, Canada now has a real fighting chance of halting further construction. I strongly urge the Secretary of State for External Affairs and the Minister of the Environment to tell the United States in no uncertain terms that we want, at the very least, safety features built into phase one of the Lonetree Reservoir, and that we want the American Government to abandon future phases.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

TELEVISIONING OF BASEBALL WORLD SERIES TO NORTHERN AREAS

Mr. Stan J. Hovdebo (Prince Albert): Madam Speaker, Members of Parliament such as myself, the Hon. Member for Churchill (Mr. Murphy), and the Hon. Member for The Battlefords-Meadow Lake (Mr. Anguish), find ourselves each year having to ask the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to allow the World Series to be shown in northern areas through the use of CBC microwave facilities. It seems incredible that the CBC, which prides itself on fulfilling its mandate of service to all Canada, should force this kind of game each year. No one is happy with the results. Northern viewers are kept waiting until the last moment before they know if the games are on. Northerners feel discriminated against again because of their place of residence.

Therefore I ask the Minister of Communications (Mr. Fox) to instruct the President of the CBC to begin a policy review which will cover the kinds of instances where the CBC has to break its schedule in order to broadcast major events to the North. A change in policy would allow northerners to enjoy the same service as southern Canadians and would give the CBC the necessary lead time to supply that service.

THE ECONOMY

CONDEMNATION OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Madam Speaker, this Liberal Government is all mixed up. With a lot of fanfare the Government appointed a commission to ascertain how to remove the economic distortion in the agricultural sector stemming from the statutory rate. Then, when Gilson and his committee said to pay the shortfall to the producers, the Government did the reverse and is paying it all to the railways—all \$625 million.

Again, the Government spends money to increase jobs. Then the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) removes part of the capital cost allowance on farm machinery for the first year, with the result that scores of farmers cancel orders for new combines and put up with their old equipment, and hundreds of jobs are lost.

The Government talks about the private sector making investments, and then enacts a capital gains tax on instalment buying of land in western Canada where the retiring farmer is required to pay the total capital gains tax at once, so aging farmers cannot sell, and this freezes investment in land in western Canada.

Even when the Government comes out with a good policy, for example, the Canadian Home Ownership Stimulation Plan, it blows it by cancelling the program just when it is speeding up, leaving hundreds of Canadians with footings but no houses and no money.

This Government is as mixed up as Mulligan's stew. That is a bad example, as Mulligan's stew is good to eat and this Government is good for nothing, except to hand millions to the railways while a million unemployed Canadians exist on UIC and welfare. The Liberals are really a mixed-up crowd.

Some Hon. Members: More! More!

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YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

AGE OF MAJORITY PROVISION

Mr. Benno Friesen (Surrey-White Rock-North Delta): Madam Speaker, eighteen months ago the House was debating legislation affecting young offenders. One of the major provisions of the Bill was to change the year of majority from 16 or 17 to 18 years. We were warned at that time to go slowly, not only because of the social adjustment that would need to take place but also because of the tremendous cost that would involve for the Provinces.

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Officials of the Province of Ontario appeared at that time and said that there would be \$80 million in capital costs alone to make that adjustment. For Saskatchewan it would cost \$20 million, and now we have heard that for the Province of British Columbia it will cost \$20 million for this year, plus \$20 million