

penalty game. We need legislation now to force sensible arrangements and settlements. We must save the family farm.

Mr. Speaker: I must advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY

IMPACT OF JAPANESE MANUFACTURED VEHICLES

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, import quotas ending March 31, 1985, have limited shipments of Japanese made cars to Canada to between 166,000 and 170,000 units, or to a maximum of 18 per cent of the new car market.

In 1984 a record 125,000 people were directly employed in the Canadian auto industry and parts manufacturing, with a great many more in related industries. Indeed, the automotive sector has increased its employment level by 25,000 to 30,000 workers in the past two years alone, thereby greatly contributing to the economic well-being of our country. In fact a large portion of our recent national economic recovery is due directly to auto assembly and parts manufacturing.

Therefore, should this quota system be revoked and no alternate secure measure adopted in its stead, the domestic auto market risks inundation by Japanese imports with little or no Canadian value added. Consequently, Canadian jobs would be lost due to production cut-backs. Canada cannot afford, nor should it be asked, to tolerate such a possibility.

A two-year survey released this month by the Wilfrid Laurier University Institute for Business and Economic Studies finds that 55 per cent of Canadians are in favour of quotas and 64 per cent favour sourcing parts in Canada.

Therefore I would urgently plead that the Government ensure that either Japanese vehicle importers invest in Canada to the appropriate level in exchange for market access or, in lieu of this recommendation, extend the import quota for another year.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT EQUITY IN DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR

Ms. Sheila Capps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, in the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration today, the Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight) advised our members that his Department has set targets for women within the senior management ranks of the Department of Labour, the lead ministry in this particular area.

The Minister expressed his satisfaction that his Department intends to increase the percentage of women in senior management ranks from 14 per cent to 17 per cent by 1988. That is a disappointing one per cent increase per year. At this rate, we may see equality in the Department of Labour by the year 2021.

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The Minister and the Government have made no meaningful commitment to employment equity as recommended in the Abella Commission report. The Conservative Party promised the stars to the women of Canada and has given them merely a flashlight.

The Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss Macdonald) has lost the battle over the Abella report. The Government refuses to accept employment equity and set an example. It does not even care. The women of Canada will not be fooled by the Government's lack of commitment and the broken promises of "blarney bulroney" and the band of yes men and silent women in his Cabinet.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about the priorities of the new Conservative Government. I have just returned from my riding in Vancouver and I am absolutely shocked at the extent of unemployment in British Columbia. The Government said "jobs, jobs, jobs". Now it is talking about the "deficit, deficit, deficit". Mr. "M", one of my constituents whom I met on Saturday, had been unemployed for 16 months. He lost his house as a result of foreclosure by a bank and a finance company. On my return to Ottawa I find that the Government is bailing out a bank. Government does not bail out the ordinary Canadian but it is prepared to bail out a bank.

Another first act of the Government was to get rid of the successful off-oil program. It represented an \$800 grant to ordinary Canadians, one of the few grants to consumers.

The Energy Ministers are meeting in Vancouver today. The holders of old oil will get a windfall of between \$4 and \$7 a barrel, or \$200 to \$300 million. There was no one at those meetings representing the consumers or the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

We have seen the bail-out of a bank and the favouring of oil companies. The Government is forgetting about the job promises and is cutting the energy grants. Those are the priorities of the Government. If it continues like this, the honeymoon will soon be over.

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ANTI-SEMITISM

U.S.S.R.—TREATMENT OF JEWS

Mr. David Kilgour (Edmonton-Strathcona): Mr. Speaker, as Chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, which now comprises 237 Members of the House of Commons, I would like to inform the House that the situation for the Jewish community in the Soviet Union continues to deteriorate. Jewish emigration from the U.S.S.R. has all but ceased.