

# MPP Reed discusses restraint, premier's jet

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## RESTRAINT PROGRAM

A one-year restraint program has been introduced by the provincial government, which imposes five per cent wage controls on 500,000 public employees and regulates prices and fees set by provincial agencies. This program would extend expiring collective agreements by one year, and would limit the wage increase to five per cent, or roll back increases in the second year of existing contracts. It would also ban strikes by public and "para-public" workers for the duration.

Provincially regulated prices are to be reviewed by a Cabinet Committee on Administered Prices, which would have the power to reduce or delay them.

The provincial treasurer told the Legislature that the program is not an

attack on the public sector, but is an attempt to avoid cutbacks and layoffs in this sector while lightening the burden of



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government on the economy.

In addition, an Inflation Restraint Board is to be established to administer the wage restraint and administered prices program and to monitor wage and price increases in the public sector.

Covered by the restraint

program are provincial, municipal, agency, board, commission, university and school board workers; Brewers Retail prices for beer; hospital and nursing home workers, including physicians on salary at hospitals, ambulance service drivers, group home workers; Crown Corporation employees; tuition fees; TTC workers, elected officials and judges; employees of charitable organizations funded by the province such as the Children's Aid Society.

Also to be controlled are hydro and natural gas rates; Blue Cross and Green Shield insurance premiums, GO Transit and inter-city bus fares; government licence fees, Ontario Place admission.

Not controlled by the restraint program are doctors who provide service-for-fee, workers earning less than \$15,000 a year in otherwise control-

ed jobs who would get slightly more than a five per cent raise - between \$750 and \$1,000.

Also not covered by the program are OHIP premiums and most private insurance premiums, TTC fares, Bell Canada telephone rates, rent hike ceilings, public housing rents, and food marketing boards.

The Provincial Treasurer estimated the program will save the provincial government \$840 million and other government bodies \$350-560 million, based on the assumption that workers would have settled for 12 per cent increases.

Both the public sector's right to strike and the binding arbitration process have been suspended, and if workers are unable to negotiate a deal within the limits, the government will impose a contract.

The Liberal Caucus vot-

ed with the Government on the restraint program, but Liberal Leader David Peterson has called for a total economic recovery package, including job-creation measures. He has urged the government to put savings from the restraint program into job creation.

"We will be pushing hard for the second stage," he said. "We need an ambitious economic recovery program now. Otherwise, this five per cent program will become merely a gimmick to deflect the heat of economic mismanagement and profligate waste."

In a wide-ranging speech on the economy, Mr. Peterson outlined Liberal proposals for economic recovery, stressing that people expect "real and lasting solutions, not gimmicks".

## PREMIER'S JET

The Premier's controversial purchase of a \$10.6 million executive jet has been cancelled, and the government is acquiring instead two forest fire fighting water bombers from the same Montreal manufacturer. James Bradley, Liberal MPP for St. Catharines, a long-time critic of the jet purchase, was told by the Premier that the cost of the water bombers was

comparable to the cost of the jet. Mr. Bradley said he would now direct his criticism to government advertising, Minaki Lodge and Suncor - other examples of government over-spending.

## EX-CANDIDATE'S JUDGESHIP

Charges that Progressive Conservative organizers promised the mayor of Kitchener a judgeship if he ran and lost as a Tory in the 1981 provincial election are to be investigated by a Queen's Park

Committee.

However, the government has refused to consider a Liberal suggestion that an independent inquiry should be held to examine the possibility that the Criminal Code articles prohibiting influence peddling had been broken in this case.

Albert Roy, Liberal MPP for Ottawa East, expressed the view that the credibility of the administration of justice in Ontario might be at stake.

# Halton ag rep's update on school buses, income

By HENRY J. STANLEY  
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BEWARE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Stiffer penalties came into effect Sept. 1 for motorists who fail to stop for school buses. The Ontario government increased the \$20 to \$100 fine to \$100 to \$500. Second and subsequent offenders face fines from \$250 to \$1,000 and/or up to six months in jail.

In addition, drivers lose

six demerit points instead of four for each conviction.

The new legislation also includes a mandatory stopping distance of 20 metres behind a bus - approximately the length of a tractor trailer.

Remember, traffic going in both directions must stop for a stationary school bus flashing its red lights. The only exception is on multi-lane highways with median barriers.

Then only traffic behind the bus must stop.

## INCOME

### STABILIZATION FOR GRAIN PRODUCERS

The Farm Income Stabilization Commission of Ontario has developed a three-year, five-grain program to assist Ontario growers to stabilize incomes. The program establishes stabilization funds from which payments may be made to the participating producer in a year of depressed market prices.

Funds are created by cash deposits from the farmer to the extent of one-third of possible payouts to him; the other two-thirds of any payout is funded by the Government of Ontario. Money in the account earns interest for the participating producer and any balance is returned to the producer at the conclusion of the program crop year. Final application date is Oct. 1, 1982 to cover the five crops - corn, soybeans, white beans, winter wheat and barley.

There is a separate account opened for each crop you wish to protect with your money in each account earning bank

interest. Participants agree to remain in the plan for its duration, that is, up to and including the 1984 sales year.

Growers who want to enroll in any of the 5 Grain Plans need to fill out an application form. Only one form per grower is required and any or all of the crops may be enrolled on the same form. The grower should list the numbers of tonnes of each grain to be sold in the sales year. Total fees are then calculated by multiplying the number of tonnes by the fee for each crop.

For 1982 crops, the fees per tonne to be registered are: Corn - \$1.95-tonne; Soybean - \$4.50-tonne; White Beans - \$8.10-tonne; Winter Wheat - \$2.30-tonne; and Barley - \$1.85-tonne.

In any year when the average market price is less than the Ontario support level, a claim form will be sent to each participant in the plan.

Forms are available at the Agricultural Office, Milton. The Commission will mail an application form to all growers who were enrolled in the previous grain plans.

# Sheep Club is prepared

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SHEEP CLUB

For our August meeting, the Halton 4-H Sheep Club joined along with surrounding counties for a meeting, preparing us for Achievement Day. This inter-county gathering was held at a large sheep operation in Lynden, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Deeks.

The meeting started off with a social get-together, and a friendly game of volleyball. We then wrote our quiz and proceeded

down to the barn to take part in the demonstration. The demonstration, given by Holly McGaffin, showed the processes in preparing for the Achievement Day Show. How to wash, card, trim and present a lamb in front of a judge, were covered in the demonstration. After some of the 4-Hers tried their hand at carding and trimming, and after all questions were answered, we moved outside for a meal of hamburgers and a drink. Thanks to the Deeks for their hospitality.



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