

this House that manufacturing jobs in Elgin—Norfolk are in deep decline.

Elgin—Norfolk relies heavily for employment on the auto parts industry in which technology is key. Canadian workers need only the new tool of technology to add to their high productivity and education, two areas in which we hold an excellent advantage.

I urge the government to look at technology as a way of ensuring the people of Elgin—Norfolk and all of Canada a better tomorrow.

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ORDER OF ELKS CURLING PLAYDOWNS

Mr. Bernie Collins (Souris—Moose Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Estevan, Saskatchewan. It is holding the Canadian Elks 1994 national curling playdowns in Estevan from March 22 to March 27, 1994.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is widely known and appreciated across Canada.

On behalf of the Government of Canada I would like to offer my best wishes to all the participants and volunteers involved in this prestigious event.

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FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mr. Harold Culbert (Carleton—Charlotte): Mr. Speaker, quality food production is of great importance to every area and to every citizen of Canada. Canadians are fortunate that the farm and agricultural community ensures a continual supply of quality foods.

Over the past few days the Canadian Farm Business Management Committee has been meeting in Ottawa. I believe some committee members are visiting the House today.

During the sessions I had the opportunity to sample food products. They were from displays consisting of food products of the particular native province. I must admit they were most impressive and very tasty.

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Let us reaffirm in this House today our support for the Canadian farmer and for the Canadian food producer, their importance to our economy and their importance to every citizen in Canada.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

Mrs. Maud Debien (Laval East): Mr. Speaker, I want to express my concern about the future of the CBC's news services.

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The Chairman of the Canadian Radio—Television and Telecommunications Commission, Mr. Keith Spicer, asked the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to broadcast news bulletins on both networks using simultaneous translation. Such a service will cost more than \$15 million a year.

This new demand is being made in a context of cutbacks. Obviously, Mr. Spicer and the CRTC want to sacrifice the quality of the CBC's news on the altar of national unity.

Need I remind the commissioners of the CRTC and the Liberal government that there is still no all-news service in French? Need I recall that the CBC's French service can no longer afford to pay its correspondents abroad?

Mr. Speaker, we members of the Bloc Québécois are opposed to any political interference in the internal affairs of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

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[English]

THE ECONOMY

Mr. Elwin Hermanson (Kindersley—Lloydminster): Mr. Speaker, a recent edition of *Taxpayer* magazine reported on the Canadian Manufacturers Association study of Canada's debt.

The president of the CMA, Mr. Stephen Van Houten, said that given the track record of previous governments the debt could soar to \$965 billion by the year 2001. He observed that governments have a bad habit of seriously overestimating economic growth and tax revenues. The government has a narrow window of opportunity to deal with this impending debt crisis.

Mr. Van Houten also noted the dramatic growth in the underground economy shows that Canadians are fighting back against tax increases. The only viable option for the government is to cut spending.

The CMA notes that the money markets are reacting negatively to yet another high deficit. Many Canadians are concerned about our financial future.

It is time to take a serious look at our financial problems. It is time for this government to stop leading Canada further into the red. It is time to cut spending.

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THE LATE ROBERT EMERSON EVERETT

Mr. Andy Mitchell (Parry Sound—Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Robert Emerson Everett of Bracebridge who passed away recently. Bob Everett was one of the greatest ambassadors to come out of my riding of Parry Sound—Muskoka.

Mr. Everett began painting at nine years of age. Even though he never had formal art training he became one of Muskoka's finest artists in oil and pastel. A past president of the Ontario Institute of Painters, Mr. Everett was a full member of the Pastel