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In light of these efforts, I strongly encourage all members of this House and indeed all Canadians to lend their support in the recognition of National Burns Awareness Week.

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## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Ms. Ethel Blondin (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, there were two erroneous statements made by the Minister of Finance regarding the impact of the GST on the northern territories and on aboriginal peoples of Canada.

First, the minister claims a comprehensive study was conducted on the impact the GST will have on the Northwest Territories. Not true. If you look at Chart 4 on page 29 of the GST document it clearly shows that the northern territories were excluded from analysis. That is because there are no gains to be presented.

I challenge the minister to explain how he can state in the House that the Northwest Territories' economy will grow if the GST is implemented when he has not even looked north of 60. He does not know the cost of living in the north and he does not care.

Second, the minister states on the one hand that aboriginal people will benefit from the tax because they will be exempt under Section 87 of the Indian Act. On the other hand, the government states that this exemption raises several questions of interpretation. It has been the experience of aboriginal people that when their rights are left to the interpretation of this government they always lose.

We, as citizens of this great country, have the right to express our displeasure when government creates programs that will have negative impacts on the majority of Canadians.

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## EGYPT

**Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal):** Mr. Speaker, the world was stunned by the news that a bloody massacre had been perpetrated against innocent Israeli citizens in

the Suez region of Egypt. It is no less an outrage that Egyptian lives were also lost.

I join with others in the Parliament of Canada in condemning these brutal, terrorist activities against blameless citizens. Rather than impede the process of a peaceful settlement, which was no doubt the intention of the murderers, hopefully it will reinforce the urgent necessity of bringing all parties to the table so that the lives of future generations of Jews and Arabs alike may be spent in harmony and peace.

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## FORESTRY

**Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley):** Mr. Speaker, in December 1986 then Trade Minister Pat Carney and the Conservative Government sold out the Canadian softwood lumber industry by agreeing to the softwood lumber tariff. Since then provincial Ministry of Forests officials, especially from B.C., have had to travel to Washington, D.C., to present our forest management plans for American review.

The Minister of Forests should confirm whether Canadian officials are attending these meetings and table in the House today the 64 directives the Americans have issued to the Canadian government on the tariff. The forest community must know what specific steps are being taken to end this punitive tariff.

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## RIDING OF CHAMBLY

**Mr. Jean-Marc Robitaille (Terrebonne):** Mr. Speaker, if we go by the most recent opinion polls in the Chambly riding, it would seem that the NDP is a few days away from having a Quebec caucus. Although the New Democratic candidate is trying as best he can to distance himself from his party's policies, he *is* a member of that party and some day will have to accept its position against the Meech Lake Accord.

Before running under that banner, he would have done better to remember the unfortunate lesson of his Quebec predecessor in the NDP, the former member for Terrebonne, whom I know very well and who only lasted 10 months in that party. Ten months after joining the