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and by \$38 million in 1986 to a total of \$962 million. At a time when Canadians are expecting a stronger role from government in the environment, Environment Canada has suffered over the past two years, due to inflation and the deficit reduction policies of the Government, a total loss of \$217 million.

In the House of Commons on October 10, 1986, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. McMillan), as reported at page 289 of *Hansard* said:

Indeed, instead of slashing the budget of Environment Canada, the Government has in fact increased it.

How can the Minister say that? How can he claim to be—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member for Matapédia—Matane (Mr. Joncas).

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[Translation]

MATAPÉDIA—MATANE CONSTITUENCY

PROPOSED BOUNDARY READJUSTMENT

Mr. Jean-Luc Joncas (Matapédia—Matane): Mr. Speaker, with respect, I would like to point out to the House that the proposed revision of the electoral boundaries of the electoral district of Matapédia—Matane, which I represent, is seen by the people concerned as irresponsible and unthinking.

I realize it is only a proposal, Mr. Speaker. Nevertheless, before this proposal acquires a more formal and imperative character, the brains behind the proposed revision would do well to re-think this operation, because today, it is clearly seen as an unprecedented carving up of the electoral map, by both the communities that will be included in the riding and those that are being rather unceremoniously displaced.

I can only hope, Mr. Speaker, that at the next decision-making session, common sense will be allowed to prevail. The people concerned will see this at least as proof of the Government's civility and intelligence, if not as a token of its respect.

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[English]

FINANCE

NON-PAYMENT OF INCOME TAX BY SCOTT PAPER COMPANY

Mr. Rod Murphy (Churchill): Mr. Speaker, to underline the need for an equitable, just, and fair tax system for everyone in Canada, the winner today of the great untaxed corporation award is Scott Paper. This is the fifth company in as many days to receive this award. This company has earned this award because successive Liberal and Conservative tax measures have given Scott Paper Company the right to pay no

taxes and, in fact, to receive tax credits in 1982, 1983, and 1984 on profits in excess of \$28 million.

Had our tax system been fair and had Scott Paper been required to pay a tax rate of 25 per cent on its profits of \$28 million, average Canadians would have paid \$7 million less in tax because of this one company. We ask the Conservative Government to take serious and immediate action to provide genuine tax reform.

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TRADE

UNITED STATES DUTY ON CANADIAN SOFTWOOD LUMBER

Mr. Ross Belsher (Fraser Valley East): Mr. Speaker, four months ago Canadian forest producers were subjected to a five-year, 35 per cent duty on cedar shakes and shingles by the U.S. For the most part, however, the industry has been able to overcome this horrendous trade barrier and is getting back on its feet. Yesterday's announcement of a 15 per cent duty on softwood lumber clearly is an offensive abuse of U.S. countervailing duty powers under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. This so-called "win" by U.S. lumber producers was at a very high cost with respect to the principles upon which everyone's prosperity depends.

Three years ago Canada successfully defended itself against charges of unfair competition in lumber before the same U.S. tribunal. Today we have a challenge which must be met by various responses. More than ever, yesterday's action indicates that political leaders cannot stop the process of industries petitioning to restrict imports under U.S. trade laws. That is why it is so important for us to pursue our bilateral trade talks with the U.S. One would certainly hope that those talks continue and that a satisfactory arrangement can be concluded.

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MULTICULTURALISM

CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, Canadians have been treated to the Conservative Government's real philosophy concerning multiculturalism and immigration policies. In two leaked reports, one prepared by Toronto Conservative MPs and the other by the Vice-Chairman of the Canadian Multicultural Council, we witnessed scandalous partisan attempts to manipulate these programs for the political benefit of the Conservative Party. That is an immoral and uncaring display of Tory indifference and confirms the deep suspicion harboured by many Canadians, particularly