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The parliamentary process itself was enriched by his introduction of the innovative use of committees and task forces, by making available, to Government and Opposition, improved research facilities and manpower.

Outside the House he acquired the respect of members of the press, even if he did not capture their affection. His thinking crossed Canadian borders, making him a citizen of the world. He was an internationalist, with the intense desire to overcome the gap between the rich and the poor.

Though he will be missed as a Leader of the Liberal Party, I sincerely hope that in his future endeavours the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) will continue in his role that has been so meaningful to Canada and to the world as a whole, and that is as a respected, informed, and articulate ambassador of peace.

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CANADA MORTGAGE AND HOUSING CORPORATION**FUNDING OF RESIDENTIAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka): Mr. Speaker, a very important loans program appears to be suffering greatly at the hands of the Canada Housing and Mortgage Corporation. The Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program, known more commonly as RRAP, is under funded to the point that it is nearly ineffectual. The CMHC office in North Bay, which is responsible for the riding I represent, received only two-thirds of the funding it sought for this calendar year. Consequently there is a waiting list of roughly 70 applications from persons in dire need of home repairs. We are not talking about people who want financial assistance for swimming pools and hot tubs. We are talking about people who need new heating systems, plumbing, fire safety systems, and whose house structural foundations are crumbling beneath them. RRAP loans also make homes more livable for the disabled.

More funding is needed for more delivery agents to assess the work on behalf of CMHC. Organized areas with municipal representation have the advantage of agents supplied by the councils, but what may be done for those persons who are not represented at the municipal level, those who live in unorganized territories? I appeal to the Minister responsible for CMHC to approach Treasury Board for increased funding for this important program.

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CANADIAN ARMED FORCES**DAMAGE CAUSED BY HELICOPTER ACCIDENT IN HALIFAX, N.S.**

Mr. Howard Crosby (Halifax West): Mr. Speaker, Nova Scotians in Halifax West are proud of the presence in the community of the Canadian Armed Forces, particularly Maritime Command. Respect for the naval tradition was evident in the massive response to the parade of sail in Halifax harbour

involving 50 tall ships and sailors from all over the world. However, while the Armed Forces are welcome in Nova Scotia, the Government must make appropriate amends for damage or loss resulting from military activity.

On June 10, 1984, a Seaking helicopter operating from CFB Shearwater caused an unfortunate accident not justifiable on grounds of military authority or emergency. The Seaking damaged a power line, resulting in a lengthy interruption of electrical services to thousands of homes and business premises in Halifax West. Damage ranged from spoiled foods in households to substantial injury to food products held in storage. Liability should be accepted by the Government as a public responsibility. Those incurring losses should not be subjected to technical legal defences, nor incur the expense of protracted legal action. I urge the Minister of National Defence (Mr. Blais) to accept responsibility and proceed to settle claims on a fair and reasonable basis.

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DISASTERS**LOSSES CAUSED BY FIRE AT FOAM LAKE, SASK.**

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville): Mr. Speaker, on June 1 of this year the town of Foam Lake suffered the worst fire in its history. I had the opportunity to survey the damage last week, with Mayor Velma Johnson of the town of Foam Lake. Part of the main street was destroyed, including a large hardware store, a grocery store, home care offices, and a large grain annex. The damage is around \$2 million. In addition, there were a lot of firefighting costs. The fire was still smouldering in the grain annex four or five days after June 1. Therefore the damages have been quite extensive for the town.

I was shocked to find out that the provincial Government has denied any emergency assistance to the town of Foam Lake, despite the tremendous cost. The Mayor and the townspeople are very disappointed with this. My purpose in rising this afternoon is to ask the federal Government whether there might be some emergency assistance it can give to the town of Foam Lake. Perhaps the Government could help me to negotiate with the provincial Government in an attempt to try to persuade it to fulfil the obligation it has to the people of Foam Lake. This is a very expensive burden for the people of that town. They deserve help.

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EMPLOYMENT**SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES PROGRAM—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN RIDING**

Mr. Fred King (Okanagan-Similkameen): Mr. Speaker, some months ago the shame of the Special Employment Initiatives Program of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) was revealed to the nation. In a secretive manner, funding was provided to Liberal MPs only for