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fantasy land and are still seeking magic wand solutions to problems they are unwilling to face in the real world.

The second point is that our government is firmly committed to showing leadership in bringing our deficit problem under control and managing the Canadian economy. There are no easy answers to the question of fiscal responsibility and this Minister of Finance has taken the measures necessary to ensure that our children and our grandchildren are not burdened with the debt created by the previous government.

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WORLD FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay—Atikokan): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express the pride I know is shared right across Canada over Kurt Browning's victory at the World Figure Skating Championships.

I remember quite well sitting with Ed and Lucille Broadbent in Calgary at the Olympics when Kurt competed for Canada. He went on to be the first skater to perform a quadruple jump in competition and his resounding victory last year in Paris put him in the great Canadian tradition of Donald Jackson and Brian Orser. Now he is the first Canadian man to win two world figure skating championships.

I think Kurt did us the proudest when he led the Halifax arena in the singing of *O Canada*. That was one of those rare electric moments, moments that are so important in these days of strained unity. Isabelle Brassier's and Lloyd Eisler's silver medal and the stellar performance of the Duchesnays are making this a world championships for Canadians to remember for a long time.

I know the members of this House join me in saying thank you for making us all so proud while at the same time offering encouragement and best wishes for those Canadians still competing.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

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STUDENTS

Mr. David Bjornson (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to rise in the House today to commend the efforts of the student leadership group at the Lord

Selkirk Regional Comprehensive High School in my riding of Selkirk.

This group is committed to developing their skills in peer counselling. As a result of a work shop which the student group attended, they realized their need for further training in this area. Thanks to our government's national drug strategy program, a significant grant has been provided to the school. This grant will prepare these students to be peer counsellors for sessions geared toward chemical dependency topics.

I applaud both the efforts of the students and our government in this important endeavour.

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RCMP DRESS CODE

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, the Solicitor General of Canada has been attempting to avoid the issue of turbans in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for almost a year. As early as April, 1989, the Commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police recommended that turbans be permitted. The former Solicitor General promised a decision by the end of February, 1990, but he was incapable of making up his mind. The Prime Minister replaced him.

The new Solicitor General must act. The Prime Minister now supports turbans in the RCMP, according to recent press reports. The delay in decision-making in this matter is exacerbating race relations across Canada. We in the Liberal party urge the Solicitor General to stop dithering and show some leadership, leadership that this government so sadly lacks.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, I was preparing some notes for a presentation on the Nova Scotia economy the other night and even I was surprised at the positive numbers. I would like to put them on the record.

From 1985 to 1989, unemployment in Nova Scotia has declined from 13.6 per cent to 9.9 per cent. The Gross Domestic Product has increased every year from 1984 to 1989. Building permits have increased every year from 1984 to 1989 after a decline in the early 1980s. Exports have increased every year since 1984, with an all-time