

of health care and post-secondary education, the global area, have increased by 3.7 per cent. This year alone, the federal government will spend \$14 billion on medicare and health care.

We know that the provinces are experiencing difficult situations. We are experiencing difficult financial situations. It is as a result of the budget proposed by the Minister of Finance that we will put the economy back in good shape so that our children will have a good medicare and health care system for the future.

Mr. Jim Karpoff (Surrey North): Mr. Speaker, my supplementary question is for the same minister.

This government has said that it will enforce national medicare standards. Yet the Newfoundland government has withdrawn a basic health service, namely, eye examinations.

Will the minister use his authority under the Canada Health Act to force the reinstatement of this basic medical service in Newfoundland?

Hon. Marcel Danis (Minister of State (Youth) and Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of National Health and Welfare is committed to ensuring that the Canada Health Act is complied with. That is what we intend to do.

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PORTS CANADA

Mr. Jim Jordan (Leeds—Grenville): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Transport.

Just prior to last Christmas, some 20 leaseholders in the Prescott area of my riding received a notice from Ports Canada that their current leases on cottage lots were cancelled and that new leases would be issued. The new leases showed increases of over 700 per cent in three years. This was done with very little or no dialogue with the leaseholders, some of whom have been leaseholders for 35 years and more.

Will the Minister of Transport give me and these citizens some assurance that he will intervene; that, if

increases are warranted, they will be tempered with reason: and that he will not allow his department to impose increases which in any other facet of Canadian life would be illegal?

Mr. Ross Belsher (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the hon. member for bringing this matter to our attention.

I am not personally acquainted with what he is referring to, but I will bring it to the minister's attention and have it looked at for him.

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TRADE

Mr. Jim Peterson (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, since free trade, Canada has lost 277,000 or 13 per cent of all our manufacturing jobs.

This wholesale deindustrialization of Canada is going to have a devastating impact on Canada's economic future. Will the Minister of Finance tell us how, with this deindustrialization, does he think Canada can compete in the future? How can we compete if we have nothing left to compete with?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade): Mr. Speaker, with reference to these canards about the free trade agreement, the hon. member seeks to emulate the Canadian Labour Congress which listed a figure like that and then listed all the jobs that have been lost, which included Air Canada, which included government agencies, which included auto parts companies, none of which were included in the free trade agreement.

I refer the member to a speech by Frederick Telmer in Kelowna, British Columbia: "The persistent assault on the FTA manifests a flight from reality."

I refer him to: "Free trade gets ringing endorsement from the Canada West Foundation."

I refer him to: "Trade deal benefits Manitoba", and so it goes across the country.