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nonsense of cutting the environment budget, restore the wild-life service, restore environmental research-oriented programs to their original strength, and give environment issues the attention and priority the Canadian public expects from the Government of Canada.

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SPORTS

THUNDER BAY TWINS—ALLAN CUP HOCKEY CHAMPIONS

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay-Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, Thunder Bay sports fans welcomed home another winning team on Saturday evening. The Thunder Bay Twins succeeded last Friday in winning the Allan Cup in Corner Brook, Newfoundland. The victory established the western Canada champs as the best senior hockey team in Canada for the second year.

The Twins came from behind one more time to win this final series. In each of three previous series this spring, the Thunder Bay team lost early games, but won four and three games straight to achieve victory. Again this time they were down three games in a best of seven series, and were forced to win four straight games, far from home, in order to keep the Allan Cup in Thunder Bay. This victory marks the seventh time the Allan Cup has been won by a Lakehead team since 1925. It is also the first time in 51 years that the same team has won two years in succession.

Thunder Bay is proud of the Twins. We recognize the determination required to keep a senior hockey team playing in our smaller cities and towns. We appreciate the determination required to organize leagues and to provide a high level of competition. We applaud the victories that reward this determination.

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HELSINKI ACCORDS

HOSTING OF CONFERENCE IN CANADA

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, for those who care about human rights issues around the world, tomorrow is an historic day. Canada will host a conference of experts representing 35 countries which signed the Helsinki Accords. The final planning for this conference, which will last six or seven weeks, starts tomorrow.

The results of this conference will impact strongly on the hearts and minds of many people around the world. Many communities have suffered for years, and some for decades, from human rights violations.

Some members of this conference will address issues against Soviet bloc countries. We should remember, however, that the record of some western countries is not unblemished. Therefore it is essential to establish a proper tone and climate on the eve of this conference. New initiatives of trust, co-operation, and conciliation are essential if we truly desire thoughtful,

sensitive, solutions to human rights violations. I know the Hon. Members of this House recognize the complexities of such a conference. We wish the participants Godspeed in their deliberations.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

PURPOSE OF SYSTEM

Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic): Mr. Speaker, the original concept behind unemployment insurance might well have made sense, but today it has become a welfare program rather than an insurance program. Increasing numbers of people regard the fund as something to be tapped on a regular basis, rather than something to be drawn upon as a last resort.

Many people expect, as a matter of course, to draw unemployment insurance for several months every year, and those whose pride would formerly have prevented them from making unnecessary claims now wonder out loud why they should not also recover some of their own premiums when so many others are milking the system.

The unemployment insurance account has to be provided with funds from general tax revenues. Administration costs are close to \$1 billion per year. Premiums are ever increasing, and are becoming a distinct disincentive to employment. When, in his forthcoming Budget, the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) looks for areas in which government finances can be improved, he might do well to look at the unemployment insurance system.

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PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

RESULTS OF ONTARIO ELECTION

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, "Fight on my men," said Sir Andrew Barton, "I am somewhat hurt, but I am not slain. I will lie down and bleed a while and then I'll rise and fight again".

Let those who said the Liberals were dead stand up and face the facts. Last Thursday the people of Ontario spoke loud and clear. Ontarians said no to empty rhetoric, to broken promises, and to disappearing Premiers. Not even a personal appearance by "Brian the Wonderful" could save the day.

The results of the popular vote favoured not the Tories, not their propped-up friends the NDP, but favoured the Liberals. Cabinet Ministers went down to defeat to the tune of *Another One Bites the Dust*. Now across Ontario we hear Tories humming the lovesick blues.

Liberalism is alive and well. Liberalism is growing. The Right Hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Turner) said it some months ago, and he was right. So disgusted were the people that even in Brampton, home of that great ambassador of acid rain, "Dollar-a-Year Bill", the Tories were rejected.