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JUSTICE

Mrs. Louise Feltham (Wild Rose): Mr. Speaker, as a result of the fact that all Canadians have the desire to feel safe and secure in their homes our government has placed justice issues high on its list of priorities.

However only so much can be done with legislation alone. Each Canadian citizen has a responsibility to help the system do its job by being involved in the community and taking an active part in helping local police by being alert and co-operative.

Parents also have a special responsibility to teach their children that police are to be respected and not feared and to instil a belief in law and order.

To be good citizens we must be cognizant that making laws to protect Canadians is only the first step. All of us must help to enforce those laws if they are to be effective in combating crime.

In many cases the greatest weapon criminals have against us is our reluctance to get involved.

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TREE PLANTERS

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, they began arriving a short time ago with unique hair styles, pack sacks, shovels and other gear into communities throughout Canada to help replant our forests. It is tree planting time.

Tree planters, a lot of them university students, are the unsung heroes of our forests, out to help the environment and make a few bucks to finance their education.

Yesterday in Prince George, B.C. there was a tree planters picnic to give everyone a chance to say hello and wish them well, and there were events in Ontario and other communities and provinces across the country. Whether it is for government or the private sector tree planting is an important part of the sustainable development of our forests.

We urge the government to reconsider its budget decision that plans to eliminate forest agreements with the provinces. These agreements have helped replant our forests and fund much needed research.

We say to the tree planters: Work hard, be careful, and when you take some time off, go easy. Thank you.

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NATIONAL FOREST WEEK

Mr. Dave Worthy (Cariboo—Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, this week Canadians across the country are celebrating National Forest Week. The theme this year is Our Common Ground.

The purpose of this theme is to encourage greater public awareness of the ways in which forests affect all Canadians across all of Canada.

No one knows the value of our forests better than the people of British Columbia. Forests shape the beauty of British Columbia's landscape and are critical to the economic and social stability of everyone who lives in our province.

During National Forest Week I hope we will all reflect upon the hundreds of thousands of people who live in communities across the country that are dependent upon the forest resource. For it is they, the people who live in these communities, who truly understand the need to manage our forests in a sustainable manner. They will ensure our long-term health and productivity which will benefit their communities for the future generations.

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PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

Hon. Chas. L. Caccia (Davenport): Mr. Speaker, every summer hundreds of thousands of people visit parks, lakes and picnic grounds in conservation land set aside with foresight by successive Ontario governments. These are people who do not have a cottage, access to a lake or even a cool backyard. To them the 38 conservation authorities in Ontario offer a place where they can go with their families and enjoy a day in the fresh air surrounded by nature.

We learn now that some of these lands might have to be sold as part of Premier Rae's austerity program. Budgets of conservation authorities will be reduced, possibly forcing the sale of publicly owned lands. The people of Ontario should tell the premier that these precious public recreational areas are not for sale. His unwarranted decision must be reversed. The 38 conser-