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system, so as to keep water transportation afloat. The Canadian Government has not made its opposition to such increase known in Washington, except for extracting a weak commitment that Canada will be consulted before a decision is made.

The weakness of the Canadian position is scary. Canadian water is threatened. The least the Government must do is to exclude water from the trade agreement. Without such amendment, the credibility of the Government is seriously damaged. We must not allow our water to be up for grabs.

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THE ECONOMY

GLOOMSAYERS' INCORRECT PROPHECIES

Mr. Elliott Hardey (Kent): Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to congratulate the gloomsayers in this House. They should be recognized for their amazing consistency on every major issue since 1984. They have been proven wrong every time.

They said that the Government could not reduce the deficit without killing many of our social programs. The deficit has come down every year since 1984. Social programs have been increased.

They said that the Government could not lower and stabilize interest rates for any length of time without triggering inflation. They were wrong again. For four straight years inflation has remained under control while exports and housing starts flourished.

The gloomsayers said that you couldn't reduce government make work projects without increasing unemployment. How wrong can you get? Last Friday unemployment in Canada had reached a seven-year low. Canadian youth are showing confidence that jobs are waiting for them as they leave their schools. What a difference from the Trudeau days!

Is it any wonder that Canadians are doubting the gloomsayers now, as they preach their negative nonsense about free trade, tax reform, and defence issues?

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

PUBLIC SERVICE—HIRING PRACTICES

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, last week Canadians saw the dinosaurs of the Tory caucus in action once again. This time they were displaying their

intolerance by trying to destroy the essence of the Official Languages Act, a Bill supporting bilingualism, a Bill widely accepted by most clear-thinking Canadians.

It is true that those Tories have every right to table amendments, but that misses the fundamental point, that is, the necessity that bilingual federal Public Service hiring practices must be fairly and equitably applied for Francophones outside Quebec and Anglophones within Quebec. Their amendment gave Canadians a rare glimpse of the archaic out-of-touch thinking inside the Tory caucus.

Let us not forget that it took active intervention by the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to get this Bill passed. Now, will the Secretary of State fulfil his responsibility by ensuring speedy implementation of Bill C-72 for both Anglophones within Quebec and Francophones outside Quebec? Let me remind him that implementing this Act is a federal responsibility which does not require an *entente cordiale* anywhere across this land.

I am sure all Canadians will remember this episode as a repeat one, a reminder of Tory thinking that began when more than 26 Tories voted against the first Official Languages Act back in 1969.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

GREENHOUSE EFFECT—NEED FOR CO-OPERATIVE MEASURES

Mr. Bill Gottselig (Moose Jaw): Mr. Speaker, as a result of what is being termed the "greenhouse effect" future generations may be forced to live through devastating years of hardship and drought, far worse than we experience today. Not only could disease such as skin cancer be more prevalent and deadly, but crop production could be diminished to an extent that ultimately will affect our basic food supply. Jobs could also be lost.

It is a known fact that human activities influence the destruction of the ozone layer. If Canadians were to adjust their way of life we might be able to slow down this damage significantly. For example, farmers could implement changes in their methods of grain production and livestock maintenance; we could all learn better waste management in order to prevent pollution in a variety of areas; and water should also become a cherished commodity and used with greater respect.

I urge government, business, labour, and individual citizens to pull our resources together. We must enhance research and become more aware of the environmental consequences of our actions, which have become habit.

Environmental protection is everybody's business.