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I must bring to the attention of members of the Government the list of areas in which they have effected cuts which have direct impact on Atlantic Canada, particularly Newfoundland and Labrador. There was a 1.8 cent per litre increase in gasoline tax and I do not think the people of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia or New Brunswick are particularly happy about that, nor is anyone else in the rest of Canada. The reduction in the fisheries development program amounted to \$11.7 million. We just heard about overfishing in that area and the impact that has on the canneries and fish plants in the Atlantic region. The reduction in non-profit and co-operative housing was very well addressed by the Member from the NDP. He brought to our attention the cut in social and co-operative housing, an important area. That is only to the tune of \$9.6 million. We have had a 25 per cent cut in the RRAP program regarding home renovation to the tune of \$29.4 million. The Department of Regional Industrial Expansion was cut to the tune of \$200 million. This impacts on the private sector, particularly in the Atlantic region, where it is so important.

Grants to local groups in support of cultural activities have been cut by \$9.8 million. Graduates of job training programs have had their unemployment insurance program extensions cut from six to three weeks, a cost factor of \$5.8 million. This impacts very dramatically in that area of our country where the unemployment rates are extremely high and unemployment insurance is often the only dollar brought into the home. The Canada Student Loans program is held at the current level of \$5 million. When you look at the needs of youth and see the cuts in that area, that is rather dramatic. CN Marine ferry services on the East Coast have been cut by \$37.6 million. I would say that has a rather severe impact on that area. The general industrial training program involved 42,000 people being placed in job training programs last year. It assists employers to improve job training skills, but here we have seen a cut of \$40 million. The Summer Canada program for students was cut by \$85 million; its reinstatement under a new name I will address in a few moments. The COSP program was cut by \$95 million, and CHIP was cut by \$84 million. Every one of these cuts impacts on the people of the Atlantic region. The Forest Research Centre in Corner Brook was cut by \$16 million and I think that is a particularly mean cut which demonstrates a lack of open-heartedness and open spirit.

New development services in Parks Canada will be reduced by \$19.5 million. Capital expenditures at Fisheries and Oceans will be cut by \$18.1 million. I am wondering which one of those Ministers and which one of the back-benchers is looking after the interests of Atlantic Canada. The dredging program will be cut by \$3.6 million. Coast Guard aids to navigation and contributions to community services is cut by \$51.6 million. The litany goes on. Increased fees for food inspection, quality assurance, et cetera, amount to \$32 million. User fees for Parks Canada and fees for weather information have been introduced to the tune of \$10.5 million. Charges for berthage fees for fishermen, \$6.3 million. Increased parking rates at

airports, higher rental rates for airport land and buildings, new tariff structures for government wharfs, increased charges for marine-related services, further savings from reduced service levels for marine activities and airport maintenance, \$23.5 million. Airport transport and cargo taxes, 8 per cent to 9 per cent on domestic flights, and a new cargo tax to be introduced at a cost of \$34.6 million. This tax will impact very heavily in that area of our country. There was a crackdown on collecting money owed to the Government, especially from those who owe money to Revenue Canada. Here we have had a cut-back of \$440 million or a saving, depending on how the Government wishes to look at it, yet 330 new tax collectors have been employed to the tune of \$10 million.

There is something very wrong when you hear a Government speaking in such glowing terms about what it has done and then you listen to this litany of cuts which have impacted so negatively. If these cuts are, as one of the Ministers put it, to cut out the fat, improve where we are inefficient, cut back programs which are redundant, and effect changes where we have had unnecessary expenditures, if it is to find new ways in which to work, then I say, fine, good, proceed. But that has not been demonstrated and it is not the view that we have at the moment.

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One of the areas in which I have a particular interest is that of youth.

[Translation]

As you know, Mr. Speaker, young people today are an incredibly important natural resource for this country. Their technical or academic training is an investment, not only in their own future but in that of the entire country. The challenge we are facing today is that of ensuring that when our young people enter the labour market, they will find jobs that measure up to their qualifications and expectations, as well as a saner and more compassionate society and a world at peace. Furthermore, we must tell young people, and this special year is a particularly appropriate occasion to do so, that Canada has great hopes for their generation.

However, Mr. Speaker, considering all the cut-backs in funding, the lack of money for training, and the delays in setting up summer programs for our young people, we should not be surprised if they complain about the lack of interest we are showing in their future.

[English]

Spring is upon us and young people across the country are finishing exams, or preparing for them. They are putting their winter clothes away and getting ready for summer. Whether they can do so in the knowledge that a summer job awaits them is another thing. We have heard glowing reports of how the private sector is going to do all kinds of wonderful things. I am waiting to see the final result. In the meantime, in February, after a long, patient winter, Challenge '85 was unveiled to Canadian students. This \$205 million program claimed to be the answer to the cries for a substantial, meaningful job-crea-