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industry expenditures will decline by \$1 billion to \$2 billion annually, jobs will be lost, economic dislocation will occur in communities dependent upon these fisheries, and the tourism infrastructure will be threatened.

I call upon the Government to take immediate action and to restore full funding to control sea lamprey in the Great Lakes.

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FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

IMPACT ON CANADIAN SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre): Mr. Speaker, during the free trade debate a great deal of pessimism was expressed by the opposition Parties about the possible detrimental effects on Canada's social programs.

It is with great pleasure today that I point to a recent item that shows the contrary. Canada's health care plan is attracting more attention in the United States. Recently the chairman of Chrysler Corporation, Lee Iacocca, said:

American industry cannot compete effectively with the rest of the world unless something is done about the great imbalance between health care costs in the United States and the national health care systems in virtually every other country.

The fact that our system costs less than the U.S. system has aroused a great deal of interest. Clearly Canada is enhancing the pace of social development world-wide.

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DISARMAMENT

INTERNATIONAL DISARM THE SEAS WEEK

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw the attention of the House to the fact that this week is International Disarm the Seas Week. While there has been progress elsewhere in disarmament, Canada and its neighbours have not addressed the proliferation of military activity in our oceans. They have become dangerously overcrowded as the number and size of military exercises increases and as the build up of sea-launched missiles continues unchecked, something which should be of particular concern to Canada. There

is growing instability and the potential for disaster is enormous.

The Canadian Government has virtually ignored the Pacific in this regard. The French continue nuclear testing in the South Pacific, U.S. led naval exercises such as Pacex in the North Pacific expand, and visits by American warships to British Columbia harbours increase in number and duration.

Canada, as a Pacific nation, must begin addressing the dangers posed by militarization of the Pacific and promote regional co-operation in disarmament.

Indeed, we must act urgently to disarm all our oceans to preserve the integrity of the environment and maintain peace for future generations.

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SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO NHL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER AL MACINNIS

Mr. Francis G. LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Al MacInnis, star defenceman for the Calgary Flames and winner of the Connie Smythe Trophy as most valuable player in the 1989 NHL playoffs.

Most Canadian hockey fans are now familiar with Al MacInnis's accomplishments on the ice. They know, for example, that he is the first defenceman ever to lead all players in scoring in one playoff season. In that respect he even surpasses the achievements of the great Bobby Orr.

In leading the Flames to their first Stanley Cup, Al MacInnis broke the record for most assists in the playoffs with 24 assists in 22 games.

What fewer Canadian hockey fans know is that Al MacInnis grew up on a farm in Port Hood, Cape Breton, and that he has five brothers and two sisters. His father, Mr. Alex MacInnis, is originally from Judique, a few miles down the shore, and his grandfather, Mr. Duncan MacInnis was section foreman on the legendary *Judique Flyer*.

Al's mother, Annie Mae Gillis, is a first cousin to the Hon. Allan J. MacEachen who, although not a hockey player, is well known to Members opposite as having a pretty good slapshot of his own.