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When the National Arts Centre orchestra is on tour in Canada it should open the performance with our national anthem. The strong melody and and patriotic words of *O Canada* should resound loud and strong in every community and concert hall in which our national orchestra plays.

What if some communities do not want our national anthem played? Then the National Arts Centre orchestra should refuse to play there.

Canadians must unite in their opposition to the divisive forces that threaten our existence as a strong nation. The National Arts Centre orchestra must not be the patsy to any divisive forces.

“O Canada, our true north strong, united and free”.

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**HOUSING**

**Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Winnipeg South Centre):** Mr. Speaker, Winnipeg is really the home of co-op housing. The first major project in Canada began in that area, and since then over 3,000 families have enjoyed the benefits of that major program. On behalf of them I want to speak out against the disgraceful cut in the co-op housing project that was in the last budget.

Let me read, if I may, a comment made by residents of Carpathia Co-op which provides a good mixture of housing for low and middle income, single parent families:

The federal government has a responsibility to the people of Canada to ensure that we all have access to secure, modest, affordable housing.

There is a contradiction. In January the former minister of housing said clearly that the co-op housing program was an ideal program to provide a mix to stop the ghettoization of social housing across the province. Then, in the House of Commons yesterday, the Minister of Finance said that co-op housing was not useful for providing that kind of support for mixed housing.

When is the government going to get its act straight? I think it is time we understood that this government has a commitment to the people of Canada.

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**THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East):** Mr. Speaker, most Canadians have never heard of the experimental lakes area, the ELA, in northwestern Ontario; nor have they heard of the internationally decisive work done there.

It was the ELA program that first proved it was phosphates that caused the explosive growth of algae in fresh water. It was the ELA program that proved it was industrially generated acid rain that was killing Canadian lakes. And the ELA program is continuing to do ground breaking scientific research such as gathering the long-term information that will allow us to gauge the real effects of global warming.

But, astonishingly, the program does not yet know how much money it will get from this government next year. At very least the current paltry and inadequate allocation of \$155,000 must be recommitted. Ideally the funding should be increased.

For a mere \$450,000 a year plus a one-shot \$10 million investment in site development, Canada can retain and enhance one of the most crucial and internationally lauded scientific projects on the planet.

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**RED CROSS MONTH**

**Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton—York—Sunbury):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to remind members of the House and all Canadians that the month of March is Red Cross Month.

Last year, 2.5 million Canadians gave their time as volunteers or donated blood to the society because they can see the positive results of the work it is doing.

In Fredericton alone over 600 volunteers are involved with the Red Cross Society, offering such vital services as transportation aid, an accompaniment to citizens needing help for doctors' appointments, often staying with