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I appeal to all Canadians to share our abundance with the army and to reach out to someone in need at this time of year when poverty is darker, hunger is deeper and loneliness is greater. Let us do our part to assist in bringing the true spirit of love, joy, peace and goodwill to our fellow men at this special Christmas season.

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FORESTRY

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal): Mr. Speaker, last Friday the Government of Canada and the province of New Brunswick signed a five year \$91 million co-operation agreement on forestry development. The federal government will be contributing \$50 million, the provincial government \$41 million.

This agreement has been eagerly anticipated by New Brunswick's forestry sector and will make a significant contribution to the economy of the province as well as ensuring that the resource is wisely managed and protected for future generations.

I commend the federal and provincial governments for concluding an agreement that is so vital to the well-being of New Brunswick.

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CORRECTIONAL SERVICES OF CANADA

Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg St. James): Mr. Speaker, Canada risks losing the services of the John Howard Society. The John Howard Society is concerned about new security conditions imposed on it by the Correctional Services of Canada. Correctional Services has imposed additional security conditions on voluntary organizations which provide prison visitation programs, operate half-way houses and conduct community assessment, parole supervision and other corrections programs.

The autonomy of private agencies is threatened and the privacy of individual employees is endangered. The new rules remove the right of independent agencies to determine whether employees are trustworthy and reliable in maintaining the confidentiality of information. The John Howard Society says that these new provisions are unnecessary in light of the organization's past success in ensuring security and confidentiality.

As a result of the changes, the society will become nothing more than an underpaid arm of government, void of local accountability and autonomy. After more than 30 years of providing parole supervision, Canada risks losing the services of the John Howard Society. I ask that the government rethink this policy in light of the contribution made by this organization to all of the country.

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CBC NEWSWORLD

Mr. Denis Pronovost (St. Maurice): Mr. Speaker, at last TV viewers in some parts of the province of Quebec will receive the signal of CBC Newsworld. This is great news for national unity. In these difficult times for our country, I urge every member of Parliament to support my proposal to open CBC Newsworld to all regions of Quebec. In my view it is unacceptable that my constituents be blacked out by TV cable companies from a national service.

Yesterday, a French-speaking TV critic, Daniel Rioux, from *le Journal de Montréal* stated that CBC Newsworld will help Quebecers to better understand the reality of other Canadians.

I also want to remind this House that the CRTC rejects such a national service in French. It is about time that members of Parliament express themselves on this very important topic.

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PROPOSED GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough): Mr. Speaker, today's announcement of a 7 per cent goods and services tax by the Minister of Finance will have a devastating effect on the more than 100,000 Canadians employed directly and indirectly in the horsebreeding and racing industry. These jobs will be decimated when the goods and services tax is implemented.

According to the chairman of the Ontario Racing Commission, higher costs and lower profits resulting from the GST would drive what remained of Canada's lucrative horse racing business to the United States.

In my riding of Hillsborough, the Charlottetown Driving Park paid approximately \$813,000 in provincial taxes last year. If the GST is levied on the horse breeding and racing industry, whether at 7 per cent or 9 per cent, the