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who will be conducting scientific research as well as performing community service.

Perhaps what makes this trip so special is the fact that young people aged 17 to 24 from over 20 countries will be participating in the program. They will be working side by side in a survival program, learning about Canada's northern wildlife, ecology, and culture. The only Canadian leader of this group is one of my constituents, Mr. Patrick Coppinger. Mr. Coppinger is a four-year veteran of the Canadian Armed Forces and was chosen for this position because of his military and leadership skills.

Each participant is required to raise a substantial amount of money from the community to fund participation in the program. When they return from their three-month odyssey they will be giving speeches and presentations on their experience to community groups, schools, and companies.

On behalf of all Members of Parliament I would like to commend Mr. Coppinger and the many other individuals involved in this worthwhile project, and wish them luck on their journey.

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ABORTION**CALL FOR LEGISLATION TO PROTECT LIVES OF THE UNBORN**

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, I want to draw your attention to an article which recently appeared in one of our national newspapers entitled "Life-and-death issue". The subtitle reads: "Netherlands expected to approve bill providing euthanasia defence". It says:

After 15 years of sometimes bitter public debate, it seems likely The Netherlands will soon become the first Western country to legalize mercy killing.

Unless there is a new, unexpected outburst of opposition, legislation to permit euthanasia will be approved by the Dutch Parliament within the next few months.

Although there is no prescribed method of death, the consensus in the Dutch medical community is that it would be carried out by injection—ensuring a painless and quick death.

In connection with this article I fear a liberalized attitude toward abortion. If we as a nation do not have respect for the life of the unborn, is public acceptance of euthanasia the next step? Therefore, I urge my colleagues to vote to protect the lives of the unborn when legislation is introduced in the House of Commons.

THE DISABLED AND THE HANDICAPPED**ACCESS TO AIR TERMINALS**

Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, later this month we will be acknowledging the special needs of the handicapped by designating a special week. However, there is an urgent situation which cannot wait for that designation.

Our society is slowly starting to make advances in the area of rights for the handicapped. Much time and effort have been spent in removing the obstacles to travel for those with impairments.

Although the National Transportation Act provides that carriers must be fair to handicapped travellers, there are no provisions allowing for regulation of air terminals administered by Transport Canada. Last February 24 the Minister of State for Transport confirmed the Government's commitment to the introduction of amendments to the Act to ensure that air terminals are accessible to handicapped people. She promised that the amendments would be passed "before the summer". The Minister said she would "do the impossible" to ensure that this was done.

To date there have been no amendments introduced. I encourage the Minister to get on with it. It is no good to ensure that the handicapped will be allowed to fly if they cannot get to the planes.

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NATIONAL FOREST WEEK**IMPORTANCE OF FORESTRY TO BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Mrs. Mary Collins (Capilano): Mr. Speaker, as you know, we are nearing the end of 1988 National Forest Week which has afforded an excellent opportunity to take time to appreciate all the good things our forests provide.

In British Columbia forestry is the number one industry employing almost 300,000 people, directly and indirectly. The federal Government recognizes the importance of this industry and we are currently investing \$300 million with the province in the Canada-British Columbia Forest Resource Development Agreement. This program has led to an unprecedented level of reforestation. We are also ensuring that important export markets are maintained and expanded.

Our forests in B.C. produce over \$6 billion worth of exports destined for the U.S. With the removal of tariff barriers under the free trade agreement, the B.C. forest industry will become even more competitive, and the door will be open to more value added processing of forest products. Free trade will further promote the good health of our vital forest industry.