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DAYCARE CENTRES

LACK OF FLEXIBILITY IN FINANCING

Ms. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon): Mr. Speaker, this week, we are witnessing another adverse effect of the Budget introduced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). Hundreds of parents from the province of Quebec are threatening to resign from boards of directors of non-profit daycare centres in protest against the potential consequences of the withdrawal by the federal Government of its commitment to child care.

After the Budget announcement, the provinces find themselves with a lot less flexibility for the funding of child care services. In Quebec, the Liberal government is considering cutting back on direct grants to non-profit daycare centres in order to put that money in the only joint funding program maintained by the federal Government, the Canada Assistance Plan. This would cause an increase in the cost of child care services to parents in the province of Quebec.

Where are all those promises that the Conservatives made regarding the support they so wanted to give to parents in Quebec and in all Canada? They have gone up in smoke, and today we are facing an even more severe crisis in the area of child care.

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FORESTRY

NATIONAL FORESTRY WEEK—VALUE OF FOREST RESOURCES

Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton): Mr. Speaker, National Forestry Week is an important occasion to remind ourselves about the great value of our forest resources. They are precious to Canadians in many ways: recreational, environmental, and economic.

One impressive measure of the economic value of Canada's forests is the enormous contribution which pulp, paper, lumber, panelboard and a wide range of other forest products make to our international balance of trade.

Based on 1987 statistics from the Canadian pulp and paper industry, Canada exported a total value of \$20.3 billion in forest products to other countries. This export

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volume is larger than the contribution made by mining, petroleum, fisheries, and agriculture combined.

In economic terms, Canada's forests are the foundation of our enviable position in world trade. For example, one-third of all the pulp and paper sold internationally comes from Canada, and we have customers on every continent, more than 75 countries in all.

Our Government commitment to a strongly mandated Department of Forestry is recognition of the forestry imperative in the Canadian way of life.

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TRANSPORT

REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO GANDER AIR TRAGEDY

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, on December 12, 1985 at 6.45 a.m. a tragic event occurred in Gander, Newfoundland. An Arrow Airlines DC-8 crashed to the ground killing all people on board. There were 248 American servicemen and eight crew members who lost their lives.

The ensuing investigation by the Canadian Aviation Safety Board has been riddled with controversy and contradiction to such a point that to this day the parents and families of those victims still do not know what caused the deaths of their loved ones.

Later today I intend to table a petition signed by 1,500 Americans who wish a judicial inquiry to take place in order that they can find out the truth about what happened on December 12, 1985 in Gander, Newfoundland.

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DRUG ABUSE

NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG CONFERENCE—RECOGNITION OF WORK OF SELKIRK PRIDE GROUP AND OF DR. IAN REID

Mr. David Bjornson (Selkirk): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to be part of a Government that recognizes and has declared war on drug abuse.

The community of Selkirk was represented this week at the National Anti-Drug Conference in Saskatoon by Dr. Ian Reid and the Selkirk PRIDE group led by Sharon Purvis. At this conference, the nationally recognized group received an award for being the most active community in Canada for its work in promoting drug abuse awareness. In addition, Dr. Ian Reid received the