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ment should subsidize those who choose to take low paying positions rather than remain at home.

I am happy to see that these recommendations were taken seriously by the minister and that they are now being discussed across Canada.

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#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

**Mr. Harold Culbert (Carleton—Charlotte, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, next week on November 11 members of the House will join with thousands of Canadians to pay tribute to those who fought and died so that we might enjoy democracy and freedom: freedom to hold democratic elections and the freedom to voice concern.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the end of the second world war. It is a time to show that Canada remembers. Let us join with all Canadians on November 11 to renew our pledge to the many Canadians who fought and fell in battle.

Let us also remember the sacrifices and efforts made by those at home. It is through the efforts of these people that we have been able to build Canada into a country deemed the best in the world in which to live.

We shall never forget.

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#### PHARMACY AWARENESS WEEK

**Mr. Paul Szabo (Mississauga South, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring to the attention of all Canadians that November 1 to 7 is Pharmacy Awareness Week.

The theme of the week is: "Talk to me, your pharmacist, your friend". The purpose of the week is to encourage communication between pharmacists and their patients. This week recognizes the important role that pharmacists play in health care, and in particular medication use.

During Pharmacy Awareness Week pharmacists across the country will be demonstrating their commitment to close the information gap on the safe use of medications.

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I recognize today the work of pharmacists in the field of health. I encourage them to continue their work in ensuring that medications improve the health of all Canadians.

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[Translation]

#### NATIONAL FILM BOARD

**Mr. Louis Plamondon (Richelieu, BQ):** Mr. Speaker, by not dismissing out of hand the recommendations of the SECOR

report on the future of cultural industries, the Minister of Canadian Heritage knowingly supports the abolition of the NFB.

NFB productions are well received and win many prizes internationally. The minister does not seem to realize that closing the NFB would mean shutting down the production of documentaries and animated films.

How many artists and technicians have been able to benefit from this institution's training programs? Does the minister really understand the impact that NFB productions have on our cultural life?

The Minister of Canadian Heritage is obviously no longer competent to defend the interests of cultural institutions. The industry can do without friends like these.

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[English]

#### GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES

**Mr. John Williams (St. Albert, Ref.):** Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Finance realizes he is over budget and will have to make deep cuts. The human resources development minister will also be making some cuts.

Now we find that Canadians are paying some \$24,000 for the commissioner of official languages to drive back and forth between his two residences in a chauffeured limousine because he does not want to relocate from Montreal to Ottawa.

The Minister of Finance likes to give us the impression that he is attacking the deficit but now we find this example of scandalous spending. Canadians are outraged when they learn of this type of spending. How could the government dream of paying \$15,800 for his apartment, \$5,160 for his meals, and \$3,000 for incidental expenses?

I call on the Minister of Finance to stamp out this spending. Let us hope that the commissioner is paying taxes on his benefits as are all other taxpayers.

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#### STAY IN SCHOOL INITIATIVE

**Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua (York North, Lib.):** Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to inform the House of the partnership being announced today in Toronto between the National Basketball Association and the stay in school program by my hon. colleagues, the Minister of Human Resources Development and the Secretary of State for Youth and Training.

The stay in school initiative has become a community success story. The program encourages young people who are at risk of dropping out to stay in school longer and complete high school.

Significant gains have been made in expanding knowledge, action, collaboration, and moral obligation among Canadians to find solutions to the disturbing high school dropout problem.