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If these delays continue we will be forced to shut down the company and lay off our employees.

On behalf of Mogar Timber and all small business I call upon the government to not only change the GST refund system but to scrap the GST.

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**THE ENVIRONMENT**

**Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore):** Mr. Speaker, on August 25 the Minister of the Environment announced that the federal government has committed \$25 million in green plan funding to strengthen Canada's fight against ozone layer depletion.

The government will strengthen controls, establish programs for the recovery and recycling of ozone depleting substances and increase our program of research and monitoring.

A permanent high Arctic ozone observatory will be established at Eureka, Northwest Territories that will place Canada on the leading edge of ozone science.

The government is also increasing the existing Canadian ozone monitoring program by 20 per cent and will augment Canada's participation in joint international research programs.

The 1987 Montreal protocol on substances that deplete the ozone layer was the first environment treaty signed by 25 nations addressing a truly global threat.

Canada has set up a domestic control program to exceed the agreed international targets. Our commitment is to phase out CFCs by 1997 and other major ozone depleting substances by the year 2000.

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**THE ECONOMY**

**Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, despite our finance minister's sunny proclamations that the recession is over, thousands of residents in my riding of Northumberland ask: "Over for whom?"

Personal and small business economic crises are rampant, resulting in extreme family difficulties, emotional trauma, farms, small business and personal bankruptcies and closures.

The fact that there are so few jobs available in my community has caused welfare rolls to grow at such alarming rates that the system worries that its capacity to sustain its present load, let alone cope with the increases which are predicted.

The people of this country cry for leadership, vision and compassion. This government must recognize that its greatest asset, its people, are willing to work and want to be trained for good jobs, its small business entrepreneurs are willing to risk and help the economy grow. Crippling high taxes, the high dollar and unemployment policies must be addressed by this government.

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[Translation]

**MEMBER FOR  
GLENGARRY—PRESCOTT—RUSSELL**

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, on October 8, 1991, the Liberal member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell said in this House, during the debate on Bill C-211:

Last year there was a fire in Baie Comeau, in the Prime Minister's own riding. Is it logical that a volunteer should not be able to help with the fire because he is receiving UI?

I would like to clarify two points on this subject. First, the fire in question was this year. Second, *La Presse* of July 27, 1991 contained the following: "Elected officials on the North Shore want to fight forest fires with volunteers, but Quebec refuses." The Quebec Minister of Forests, Albert Côté, said: "We put in all the resources required in the circumstances. It would be irresponsible to send people into the forest without proper training and supervision."

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[English]

**CULTURE**

**Mr. John Harvard (Winnipeg St. James):** Mr. Speaker, I am concerned about leading cultural institutions in my home city of Winnipeg.

I am informed today that the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature faces a cut of almost \$200,000 in financial assistance from the Department of Communications. This cost will place a terrible financial hardship on the museum.