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myself and others have failed to elicit any reasonable response from this government as to why it has failed to proclaim its law, the labour standards and health and safety sections, parts II and III, of the Parliamentary Employment and Staff Relations Act, which was passed by all parties in this House in June 1986.

The Prime Minister has failed to even reply to numerous repeated letters from Mr. Daryl Bean, the national president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada. Further, my attempts have resulted only in non-substantive acknowledgements from the PMO and the government House leader only verbally responded with mischievous diversions that were simply untrue.

My Motion No. 743, urging proclamation, comes up for debate on May 11. If the government continues to fail to explain why this basic legislation has not been proclaimed I urge MPs from all parties to give their consent to a renewed vote on this question and grant their support to this long overdue protection to those who serve us and Canada on Parliament Hill.

After seven years it is time.

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THE BUDGET

Mr. René Soetens (Ontario): Mr. Speaker, it has now been one week since the finance minister introduced his second budget. It promised no new taxes or increased taxes. It also cut proposed spending over the next five years by almost \$31 billion.

Our budget will allow Canada to lead the world in economic growth for 1993 and 1994. As Canadians learn more about our plans they will regain the confidence required to invest in Canada and to spend.

Some of our plans were previously announced in December and are already showing benefits. Canadians have invested in shares of business enterprises at record setting rates in each of the last four months. Our February gross domestic product grew at a rate of 0.4 per cent, a post-recession high. Employment has grown each month this year.

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Even this past weekend was one of the warmest in many months and the Toronto Maple Leafs won their hockey series. It is amazing what a good budget can do.

POLAND

Mr. Jesse Flis (Parkdale—High Park): Mr. Speaker, on this date over two centuries ago the Polish Parliament met in 1791 and affirmed the fundamental principles of democracy, freedoms which today we often take for granted.

In the same spirit of the democratic movement which swept across Europe and the Americas the proclamation of the constitution of 1791 came to represent a kind of bill of rights for later generations in Poland.

Tragically, the May 3 Constitution was crushed by invading armies of Europe, mostly out of fear of the liberal democratic movement. However the lessons of the past still hold true today.

[*Translation*]

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

[*English*]

For example, in the former republic of Yugoslavia today there is a glimmer of hope for peace. The lesson is that we must always practice freedom of religion, we must always respect basic human rights and worship peace instead of war.

That is as true today as it was 202 years ago in Warsaw.

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NEW BRUNSWICK

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy—Royal): Mr. Speaker, I was pleased to note recently that the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council has forecast the strongest economic growth in the Atlantic region for the province of New Brunswick.

According to APEC, New Brunswick has regained all of the 12,000 jobs it lost during the recession and is looking healthy in recovery. The labour force is expanding again as new companies begin to open new businesses throughout the province.

The unemployment rate has declined to within one percentage point of the national average. The fixed link and federal funds for road building will help fuel the pace of economic growth in New Brunswick.