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\$250 million to meet old promises for water and sewage facilities on First Nation reserves.

Canadians and the environment are sick and tired of this charade. It is time to implement the monitoring and enforcement of regulations already available, to require industry to clean up its act, to spend Green Plan money on substantial green actions that will benefit all Canadians and not just prop up this morally bankrupt environmental agenda.

It is time to stop the stalling, this facade of green action, to stop wasting the taxpayers' money on study after study, to stop propping up old promises, to stop letting polluters break the laws of Canada. It is time to respect the wishes of Canadians.

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, government departments are increasingly being called upon to develop useful science and technology to help Canadians protect the environment, at both local and global levels. EMR is one department which is actively making a difference in this regard.

EMR's research and technology branch, Canmet, co-operates with industry in the planning, performance, and funding of the development and transfer of technology in virtually all areas of mining, recovery, processing and the use of minerals, metals and energy.

In fact, for years Canmet's scientists and engineers have been conducting and co-ordinating research to preserve our environment. Canmet continues to promote environmentally safe technologies to help Canadian industry use our natural resources more effectively and to improve competitiveness of Canadian technologies. I am proud of the contribution Canmet is making, proud of the work these individuals are undertaking in co-operation with industry to find the answers to the world's most troubling environmental problems. I hope all members will join me in commending Canmet officials for a job well done.

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THE ECONOMY

Mr. Lawrence MacAulay (Cardigan): Mr. Speaker, in the recent budget the people of Canada suffered yet another slap in the face. The finance minister ignored the cries of Canadians who are out of work or lined up at food banks. What the finance minister needs is a good dose of reality.

Reality is that over 1.3 million Canadians are unemployed. Over 180,000 children rely on food banks to eat. Inflation is on the rise because of the disastrous goods and services tax. Students will be hindered because of increased tuition caused by this government. That is reality.

During his budget speech the finance minister said: "We must deal with the world as it is and not as we might wish it to be". We in the Liberal Party ask the minister to deal with the world as it is and ask him to help the millions of Canadians suffering because of the recession this government has caused.

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PERSIAN GULF

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, the end of the war in the Persian Gulf is a victory for international law and the United Nations. We can be proud of this extraordinary coalition of 30 countries united to protect and promote international law and order.

The world community must now do everything to ensure first the reconstruction of Kuwait, but also to set up a fair and lasting peace under the eegis of the United Nations to prevent a repetition of such conflicts.

With that in mind, on February 12 our Prime Minister submitted proposals for the establishment of a lasting peace in the Middle East. Sharing in the efforts to safeguard and ensure peace is part of the great Canadian tradition.

We must try to put a stop to the uncontrolled arms race, as well as address the Israel Arab issue while acknowledging the legitimate interests of the Palestinians.