

acquainted with African, Asian and Latin American countries.

This year's theme stresses the fundamental link between development and the environment. Mr. Speaker, our future depends on whether we are prepared to act jointly to seek national and international solutions to global problems, especially those that concern the environment.

We all have a role to play in our respective communities, and I would urge all Canadians to do their share in preserving our environment and supporting our government in its international development activities.

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[English]

JOB DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the municipalities of Glace Bay, Waterford, Dominion, Cape Breton county, Louisbourg and Richmond county, all communities within the federal district of Cape Breton—East Richmond that call upon the Minister of Employment and Immigration to provide more funding under the job development program.

At the present time the level of unemployment in my constituency as well as in eastern Nova Scotia is exceptionally high. It is very important that the Government of Canada allocate sums of money to provide these individual Canadians in that particular area with some semblance of hope for their economic future.

With high unemployment, unprecedented welfare rolls, unprecedented use of food banks, the morale and spirit of the people who live in that particular area of the country is at an all-time low.

I call upon the Minister of Employment and Immigration to act expeditiously to assist those municipalities and the residents of those communities.

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COLGATE-PALMOLIVE CANADA INC.

Hon. Alan Redway (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, last month Colgate-Palmolive Canada Inc. announced the closing of its Wicksteed Avenue facility in Toronto. This followed hard on the heels of the announced closing of its New Westminster, British Columbia facility and its long-time manufacturing plant at 63 Colgate Avenue in Toronto.

As a result of these decisions, Colgate-Palmolive no longer manufactures any of the following products in Canada: ABC and Arctic Power laundry detergents; Ajax cleaners; Palmolive dish soap and Electric dishwasher soap; Irish Spring and Palmolive bar soap; Javex bleach; Fleecy fabric softener; and Scrub and Shine liquid cleaners. In fact, the only product Colgate-Palmolive will continue to make in Canada is Colgate dental cream.

There is a message in this for all of us who are truly concerned about plant closings and manufacturing job losses. Buy Canadian. Clean your teeth with Colgate dental cream but do not wash with Palmolive soap.

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[Translation]

GUN CONTROL

Mrs. Pierrette Venne (Saint-Hubert): Mr. Speaker, a few days ago, we heard that the product Dye Witness will now be a prohibited weapon. Dye Witness is an aerosol can filled with green paint. It is not dangerous to your health and is used mainly by women as a defence against eventual attackers. Thanks to Dye Witness, the attacker is dyed green for a week.

Mr. Speaker, I was flabbergasted that a weapon as inoffensive as Dye Witness could be taken off the market overnight, when we have not yet succeeded in banning military and paramilitary weapons. In fact, we are still waiting for the regulations on gun control.

When will the minister finally table the regulations Canadians want, so they can protect themselves and their children against the free circulation of firearms?