

with Tory MPs from Manitoba who are not doing their jobs on this important issue.

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MINING EXPLORATION

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, if it is to contribute to the Canadian economic recovery, the mining industry in Abitibi must first ensure the recovery of exploration, which provides its source of raw materials.

To make the exploration expenses financed by flow-through shares more effective, the Quebec Prospectors' Association is asking the Minister of Finance to allow the exploration work to be spread over a whole year following the year in which the funds were raised. Exploration companies would thus no longer have to rush to complete their work by February 28.

Other measures must be obtained, such as a 125 per cent tax deduction for underground exploration and 175 per cent for surface exploration, the exclusion of flow-through shares from cumulative net investment losses, the creation of a Canada exploration expenses account that would make the adjusted cost base the purchase price for investors no longer eligible for the \$100,000 lifetime capital gains exemption.

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[English]

FREE TRADE

Mr. Ross Harvey (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, it has now been four years since free trade became a reality, long enough for Canadians to judge it a success or a failure.

Last month I included a mail-back ballot in my regular householder. It asked two straightforward questions. The first was: Should Canada use its right to give six months' notice and get out of the Canada-U.S. free trade deal? Eighty-nine per cent said yes. The second question was: Should Canada stay out of any extension of the free trade deal which includes Mexico, and soon other Latin American countries? Ninety per cent said yes.

The verdict is in. These people in Edmonton East, and I suspect elsewhere in Canada as well, want out of free trade. The New Democrats, and only the New Demo-

crats, are listening. We will release Canada from the free trade strait-jacket.

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NATIONAL EPILEPSY MONTH

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, the month of March is National Epilepsy Month. Epilepsy is the most common neurological disorder in Canada and it is estimated that 1.5 per cent of the population have had or will have some form of epilepsy in their lifetime.

During March, Epilepsy Canada and its member associations across the country will be sponsoring a variety of public education activities to promote the health and social well-being of Canadians. I am really pleased that this government has been supporting the ongoing efforts of this organization. As well, this non-profit volunteer organization has shown excellent leadership in the development of successful partnerships with the corporate sector.

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Epilepsy Canada continues to promote ongoing medical research and public understanding in order to achieve a better quality of life for people with epilepsy. This organization is to be strongly applauded for its tireless and invaluable work in this area.

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NATIONAL PHYSIOTHERAPY WEEK

Ms. Barbara Greene (Don Valley North): Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to inform the members of the House that the week of March 14 to 20 is National Physiotherapy Week.

Physiotherapists play a vital role in Canada's health care system. The theme for National Physiotherapy Week, "Physiotherapy: Teaming up for good health", emphasizes this role. It also highlights the increasing emphasis of the profession on illness and injury prevention.

The Canadian Physiotherapy Association, which provides leadership and direction to its nearly 8,000 members across Canada, will be sponsoring this campaign to increase awareness of physiotherapy. To celebrate the week special events will be held in the many places in which physiotherapists can be found.