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forest rescue program, a "massive co-operative effort to save this vital element of our national heritage and national economy". According to the PC campaign manual the Liberals, and Joe Clark, presided over a "decade of neglect", bringing us "within sight of a national disaster".

Right across Canada, Mr. Speaker, voters are awakening to the fact that the forests and the environment are at the bottom of the list when it comes to support by right-wing politicians. In British Columbia, Bill Bennett proposes to spend \$60 million on forestry when the UBC Department of Forestry calculates the need at \$660 million per year.

Canadians have been tragically misled and misinformed by the—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to inform the Hon. Member his time has expired.

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ABORTION

PROTECTION OF UNBORN ADVOCATED

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, many people in my riding are very disturbed about the acquittal of Dr. Henry Morgentaler. By telephone and letter, over 800 individuals have contacted both myself and a provincial Member whose riding overlaps mine. On the basis of much scientific, medical, and ethical information, I believe that human life begins with conception and must be protected by the law.

The jury selection process in the trial was very disturbing to many Canadians. If we applied that procedure to this House, then many Members would be disqualified from hearing some issues. To some, the acquittal was a victory for lawlessness since Dr. Morgentaler never denied that he broke the law. The role of a jury is to determine innocence or guilt based on the law and the evidence provided during the trial. Surely it is for this House, not a jury, to decide what our laws will be.

I respectfully urge the Minister to address the issue of abortion during the term of this, the Thirty-third Parliament. If the study finds that a foetus is a human being, which I am confident it will, then we must protect that defenceless life with all the power and full weight of the law.

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INCOME TAX

REGISTERED PENSION PLAN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, I wish to express my concern and that of many Canadians about the limit for income tax purposes on contributions to registered pension plans.

Individuals are limited to a maximum of \$3,500 in contributions as far as income tax deductibility is concerned. This limit has remained unchanged since 1976, through a period when significant increases in the Consumer Price Index have eroded

the real dollar value of contributions and of the limit itself. Further, it has remained unchanged when other tax deductions were indexed to the Consumer Price Index. Therefore I call upon the Government to take an equitable position on this serious problem and soon bring forth the necessary legislation to correct this injustice.

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ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

PROPOSED WEATHER SERVICE FEES

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of the Environment, in her fanatical desire to satisfy the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), is instituting some illogical measures. She says that those people receiving weather information other than through the media, will be charged for this service. This will stop people from calling the weather office, Mr. Speaker, people like fishermen who need frequent updates on ever changing weather patterns.

She also says that she will work with the telephone company. Well, everyone knows that the telephone company is not permitted to act as a collection agency, even for the Minister of the Environment. This will not increase revenue to the Department, but it will stop people from calling the weather forecast office.

The Minister also said that guided tours will be replaced by self-guided and volunteer-guided tours in national parks. What is a self-guided tour? Is the Minister going to erect a sign saying "Seek and ye shall find", or "Enter at your own risk"? Or is this an excuse to beef up search and rescue? The Minister is clearly fishing beyond her quota, Mr. Speaker.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

COST OF EMPLOYING EXTRA OFFICIALS

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, the Government has come up with a novel way to create employment. Rather than create jobs to put Canadians back to work, the Government is hiring 700 enforcement officers to police the Unemployment Insurance Act. During the election campaign the position of the Conservative Party was crystal clear—no quotas in Revenue Canada, and fair dealing with the public. Now that it is safely in power the Government has somersaulted and will demonstrate its toughness by punishing the unemployed and by bringing in the goon squad. Believe it or not, the cost of this harrassment is \$30 million per year, Mr. Speaker. Is this increase in the power of the state the kind of creative job creation Canadians can expect from this Government?

The Government's approach to economic problems is to punish the victims of unemployment, rather than come up with solutions. If there is unemployment, blame the unemployed. If we need more tax revenue, tax the poor and give loopholes to