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We must make every effort to protect the beauty of our nation's capital and continue the past practice of limiting the height of buildings within the precincts of Parliament Hill.

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FISHERIES

Mr. Peter L. McCreath (South Shore): Mr. Speaker, the problems of the Scotia Fundy groundfishery are well known. Too many fishermen have too great a capacity to harvest too few groundfish. Clearly, our future lies in part in reducing our capacity, but is it reasonable to ask fishermen to stop being fishermen or plant workers to stop being plant workers?

Surely, our real future lies in encouraging and making it viable for significant numbers of our fishermen to pursue and harvest species other than those traditionally harvested by Canadians. Silver hake and dogfish are examples of two species for which there is specific foreign demand but for which there is inadequate harvesting and processing capability in Canada today.

I believe it is appropriate as part of the government's management strategy to make every effort to ensure that Canadians take full advantage of our Canadian fish resources. Accordingly, I encourage the special cabinet committee to establish or recommend the establishment of a special fisheries diversification fund to benefit and assist coastal communities in Atlantic Canada to adjust to the new reality of the Atlantic fishery as well as to maximize benefits from our fisheries resources through both diversification and maximum value added processing.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, as you are aware, the government has its horrendous revisions of the unemployment insurance legislation before the House at the present time. An outstanding injustice that has not been addressed by the Conservative government is the fact that the spouses of military personnel cannot collect unemployment insurance benefits when they are stationed abroad.

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A Canadian base abroad is still a Canadian community. It is administered under Canadian law. Our Canadian nationals cannot get a job, for instance, in the West German economy by virtue of their being Canadian citizens. More often than not, employment opportunities are very limited on the base itself. Not only do they give up their jobs in Canada when they are posted abroad but they may end up jobless with no available unemployment insurance benefits. This is something that would not happen if they were stationed elsewhere in Canada, or in the United States.

This is an injustice that should be addressed by this government. However, considering the destructive, reckless and shoddy way that this government has treated the Canadian forces, there is probably little hope of it addressing this issue.

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CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING

Mr. Bill Casey (Cumberland—Colchester): Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Minister of State for Housing and the department of housing for the dramatic increase in the limits available to co-operatives wishing to develop housing projects. These limits have been increased from 75,000 to 500,000 and will now allow many co-operative ventures in my riding to qualify to develop affordable housing which up until this time would not qualify. This funding is made available through interest free loans to the successful applicant co-operatives for costs for land purchases, regulations and actual construction.

Many areas of my riding in northern Nova Scotia are not high income areas and this new program, through Canada Mortgage and Housing, will be welcome. In fact, I am already receiving positive response.

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FOREST INDUSTRY

Mr. Brian L. Gardiner (Prince George—Bulkley Valley): Mr. Speaker, these days a job in the forest industry means that workers are in an occupation that is among the most dangerous in Canada. Forty workers a year are killed on the job. On Monday, a logger from Powell River, British Columbia, was killed in the same area that his brother was killed in just three months ago.