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for recreational facilities, medical facilities, emergency equipment and by support for cystic fibrosis research.

With the combined Kinsmen-Kinette membership of 17,000 in almost 1,000 clubs, the association of Kin last year raised \$23 million in cash for community service. As well, during its 25 year partnership in the fight against cystic fibrosis, Kinsmen have raised over \$15 million for CF research. The recent discovery of the CF gene was made possible by assistance from the family of Kin.

As a former Kinsmen Club president, it is a privilege to pay tribute to 70 years of Kinsmanship in Canada and I offer my sincere best wishes for a Kin future filled with success.

Some hon. members: Hear, hear!

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CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING

Mr. George S. Rideout (Moncton): Mr. Speaker, co-operative housing programs help those Canadians who are in greatest housing need; the disadvantaged, the handicapped, seniors, and low and middle income Canadians squeezed by the housing crisis.

Federal co-operative housing programs have been cut again and again by this government. In last April's budget federal funding for co-operatives was cut by 25 per cent.

The Conservative government has broken its promise to put 5,000 new co-operative housing units onstream each year. In 1989, only 1,700 units were produced. There are huge waiting lists in every province for co-operative housing. Canada Mortgage and Housing is presently undertaking an extensive review of the federal co-operative housing program.

The minister of housing should wait on CMHC's review before cutting any more money from this program. There must be no cuts to co-operative housing in the upcoming budget. Canadians have been waiting too long for a coherent, long term solution to Canada's housing crisis. Co-operative housing meets the very real needs of Canadians waiting for shelter.

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THE ECONOMY

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, yesterday representatives of the Canso council were

quoted in newspapers as saying that their town and other towns should fight together for their survival.

Today, the finance minister is preparing a speech that will probably cause more consternation in small towns. Taxes will probably go up. The GST is coming down to the line despite massive protests and the price of a lot of goods will probably go up also. We have been warned that this budget will be tough.

Single industry towns all over Canada and small communities like Summerside in Prince Edward Island face a scary future. In Kimberley, B.C., 800 miners have been told they will be out of a job. In Virginiatown, a small northern Ontario community, more than 300 workers lost their jobs without notice when the town's only industry declared bankruptcy. Now, the only remaining bank in that community wants to close. Sometime in the first half of next year, 1,600 employees at Rio Algom Limited are to lose their jobs as two mines will close.

This government does not have a national vision. It is time it wakes up and listen to the people of the small towns across Canada. Perhaps it is time for the finance minister to put on his running shoes and jog across the real Canada. He has been clearly staying put in Ottawa too long and lacks a clear vision of what this country really needs.

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FORESTRY INDUSTRIES

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, the forestry industry is a major resource in the Abitibi area, and I am very pleased with the announcement by the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion regarding the new program for the forestry sector.

The program, which is funded through the ISTC's sectoral budget, will provide Canadian forestry industries with more than \$30 million, of which \$18 million, spread over three years, will go to the research, development and innovation component, while the remaining 12.2 million will go to market development and diversification.

Mr. Speaker, our thanks go to the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion and Minister of State for Science and Technology and to the Minister of State (Forestry), who have shown they understand the needs of our forestry industry. This initiative will help our forestry