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A word of advice while they scramble to retrieve a few shreds of dignity: keep your petty political tactics inside these hallowed halls where the damage can be minimized by the Conservative government.

Mr. Speaker: The hon. member has exceeded his time.

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EARTH SUMMIT

Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena): Mr. Speaker, the Earth Summit will be held in Brazil nine months from now, chaired by a Canadian, Maurice Strong.

Canadians deeply identify with our role as UN peacekeepers, with the role of the Red Cross, with the message of Greenpeace and other Canadian environmental groups.

The world must join together to struggle for peace and environmental security. The time has come for a global green cross led by Canada to take on the crisis of the oil fires and spills in Kuwait and Iraq, to clean up the damage of toxic and hazardous wastes poisoning eastern Europe, to take on the spread of deserts and deforestation, to fight the contamination of the seas and the atmosphere, to take on poverty and population, the challenge of survival. It is to that that Canadians seek leadership, not the blind business as usual of James Bay II or Kemano II, not for hundreds of millions of dollars more for Canadian nuclear reactors to Romania rather than alternate energy sources, and a reversal of global warming, not an acceleration.

It is time for a Canadian led green cross and to wage peace for a living.

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THE ECONOMY

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Mr. Speaker, through a campaign of misinformation the Conservative government would have Canadians believe that the recession has passed us by and the so-called prosperity agenda has kicked in.

Tory prosperity is hardly a picture perfect paradise for the people in my home town. Here are the unemployment rates in Hamilton: April, 8.1 per cent; May, 8.5 per cent; June, 9.7 per cent; July, 10.8 per cent; and last month the unemployment rate matched the rate of factory closures, 11.4 per cent. That means there are 38,000 unemployed people in Hamilton.

The Minister of Finance says the recession is over. Not even his own Tory backbenchers believe it. Permit me to quote one:

People in my riding would probably disagree with the statement that the recession is history and I couldn't disagree with them—There are a lot of jobs that have yet to be regained.

That was said by the Tory member for Halton Peel.

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FOETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME

Mr. Stan Wilbee (Delta): Mr. Speaker, during the last few years it has been discovered that the use of alcohol by women during pregnancy is responsible for the development of a condition in infants known as Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.

It is characterized by small size, physical and mental retardation and high mortality rate. It can be completely prevented by abstaining from alcohol during pregnancy. As many women are unaware of the problem, it is important that the government provide clear labelling of all alcohol products to warn of the danger.

Tobacco products contain warning labels and Canadian alcohol products exported to the U.S. must carry the label. Can we do less for Canadians?

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PUBLIC SERVICE

Ms. Joy Langan (Mission—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, it is with great relief that I rise today to celebrate the survival of free collective bargaining in Canada.

The leadership demonstrated by Daryl Bean and the Public Service Alliance, following the tremendous show of union solidarity Monday when Mr. Bean made a conciliatory gesture and announced that the lines would come down at airports and border crossings, was the first step toward getting collective bargaining back on track. That is responsible leadership.

The President of the Treasury Board's respect for the report of the Public Service Staff Relations Board was a