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Canadians will come to appreciate that in the interest of our children and grandchildren we must follow the straight and narrow path for a while.

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ADJUDICATION OF CONTRACTS

RESPECT OF STANDARD

Mr. Gilles Rocheleau (Hull—Aylmer): Mr. Speaker, my comments concern the call for the tenders for the relocation of Transport Canada.

By announcing that the call for tenders in connection with the relocation of Transport Canada was cancelled, the Mulroney Government has violated the fundamental principle of the contract process, thereby jeopardizing its ethics and integrity.

The Mulroney Government has tried to sink a major project that had no financial impact on the current Budget, while failing to consider the full implications of that decision.

That is why today, I want to ask this Government to reverse its decision to cancel the call for tenders by going back to the study process as soon as possible.

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[English]

GREAT LAKES FISHERY

CONTROL OF LAMPREY

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, despite the efforts of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission which was established in 1955 to restore the Great Lakes fishery, it appears that the sea lamprey will continue to devastate our commercial and sporting fishing industry. By the year 2000 the sea lamprey population is expected to double. Without the funding to control this intruder, trout and salmon numbers will be cut in half. Sport fishing expenditures will decline by \$552 million a year, commercial fishing revenues will decline by \$135 million a year and regionally there will be losses of \$1.4 billion.

It is essential that there be adequate assistance to control this menace now before the grim scenario described becomes a reality.

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NATIONAL DEFENCE

TROOP REDUCTIONS—BASE CLOSURES

Mr. Bill Blaikie (Winnipeg Transcona): Mr. Speaker, Canada spends \$1 billion a year on our troops in Europe. That is \$1 billion that could be spent more effectively in the judgment of the NDP and, indeed, at one time in the judgment of former Defence Minister Erik Nielsen who unsuccessfully tried to bring the troops home in 1985.

Instead of working toward saving money by making Canadian troop reductions in Europe in the near future, preferably as part of a negotiated reduction in conventional forces by NATO and the Warsaw Pact, the Government has chosen to sabotage the economies of many Canadian communities like Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, which stands to be devastated by the elimination of its base.

The Government had an opportunity to save money, promote peace and disarmament in Europe and strengthen our forces at home. Instead, it chose to wreck Canadian communities, weaken our forces at home and ignore the possibilities for creative and cost-saving changes in Europe.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the PPCLI belongs in Winnipeg at Kapyong Barracks and should not be transferred to Edmonton.

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THE BUDGET

CBC CUT-BACK

Mrs. Sheila Finestone (Mount Royal): Mr. Speaker, it is more Tory double talk. Otherwise, how do you explain the strange twist of logic of the Tory Throne Speech that talks to the fostering of Canada's cultural and national uniqueness while the Budget savages its main vehicle, the CBC, with a massive incremental of \$140 million cut.

The Tories are set on brick by brick dismantling of the CBC. Their commitment began to crumble under the former Minister of Communications' \$85 million cut in 1984, followed in 1986 by another \$10 million loss. As well, from 1984 to 1989, Conservatives denied enough funds to keep pace with inflation, causing another 15 per cent revenue loss; another \$140 million. In one decade this Government will have stripped our Canadian public radio and television of \$280 million. This is an outrage.