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these difficult economic times, yet accept excessive salary increases themselves, they fail to provide leadership by example, something which is so dearly needed today.

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LAW DAY

IMPORTANCE OF COUNTRY'S LAWS

Mr. David Daubney (Ottawa West): Mr. Speaker, today is Law Day, once again sponsored by the Canadian Bar Association. This year the theme "Legal Awareness for All" is the focus of activities being held across Canada by the association and by lawyers, lawmakers, and a variety of organizations involved with the law.

Our laws are more than paper and words; they are the embodiment, the essence of our values. They have been distilled from the process of public debate, the conflict of ideas, and the synthesis of different beliefs. Our laws reflect the variety and the complexity of our culture and our history. To understand what it means to be a Canadian, we have to understand how our laws affect us.

On the fifth anniversary of the establishment of our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, a Charter which continues and extends the legal rights of all Canadians, let us work together to ensure that all Canadians know what rights and what obligations we have under our law and our Constitution.

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ENERGY

INCREASES IN PRICE OF GASOLINE—IMPACT ON TOURISM

Miss Aideen Nicholson (Trinity): Mr. Speaker, with the summer holiday season approaching, the tourism industry will be watching to see how many Canadians can still afford to take to the road after the latest gas tax increases.

Since coming to power the Conservative Government has raised gas taxes by a whopping 4 cents a litre, or 18 cents a gallon. That means higher costs, not only for transportation but also for home heating, food, and a range of goods and services—in other words, a disincentive for the travelling public and a bigger bite out of the incomes of Canadians already trying to cope with the galaxy of tax hikes imposed by a Government that finds it all too easy to raise revenues by raising taxes.

But people who are so heavily taxed have no spare cash to spend. It is inevitable that this shortsighted policy of "tax now, tax some more later", will put a damper on economic growth. The proof is in the Government's own dismal forecast of 2.8 per cent economic growth this year, the lowest rate in four years, in what is supposed to be a time of economic recovery.

HISTORIC EVENTS

ANNIVERSARY OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East): Mr. Speaker, since Parliament will not be sitting next week I want to recognize the 72nd anniversary of the Armenian genocide which began on April 24, 1915.

The masterminds of this despicable crime were the Minister of the Interior Talaat, and his associates.

The genocide was carried out in three stages. First, intellectuals, clergymen and other Armenian community leaders were arrested.

Phase two of the plan was to disarm Armenian soldiers serving in the Ottoman Empire armies and arrange for their wholesale murder.

Phase three was to collect and drive leaderless Armenians, village by village, and from town to town, to be forced to march to the Syrian Desert and ultimately to their death.

Now, 72 years have passed since the tragic beginning of this genocide. More and more people, institutions and Governments, are being made aware of the horrendous scope of this crime. We must do everything possible to ease the memory of those who survived while at the same time teach the young generation that a crime ignored is a crime encouraged.

In closing I would like to quote the words of a famous American-Armenian writer, William Saroyan, who said:

I should like to see any power of the world destroy this race, this small tribe of unimportant people, whose wars have all been fought and lost, whose structures have crumbled, whose literature is unread, music is unheard, and prayers are no more answered. See if you can do it. Send them into the desert without bread or water. Burn their homes and churches. Then see if they will not laugh, sing and pray again. For when two of them meet anywhere in the world, see if they will not create a new Armenia.

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NARCOTICS

FINDINGS OF STUDY ON MANDATORY DRUG TESTING

Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton—Melville): Mr. Speaker, last fall the Parliamentary Library did an excellent study for me on mandatory drug testing. The study reviewed this issue under the Charter of Rights, human rights legislation, and labour standards. The study concludes: "In the final analysis, most employees in Canada are left with private remedies in contract or in respect of defamation as a sole means of recourse against drug testing by employers".

Mandatory drug testing in Canada is on the rise. Air Canada, CNR, American Motors and other companies are all known to demand urine samples for drug analysis.

Last week the Minister of Transport (Mr. Crosbie) said that there will be mandatory testing for train crews. I call upon the