

ing billing numbers for doctors. Chief Justice McEachern said that the Government's conduct was: "Orwellian, Draconian" and "the antithesis of fundamental justice". In Kamloops last week I met with Dr. Rizhya Mia. She is the young doctor who raised the issue in the first place. She had a lot of guts. She stood up against the entire governmental structure of the Province to make her point and the point of young interns and doctors of the country. Now, despite that judgment, the Government of British Columbia is introducing Bill C-50, which attempts to circumvent the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, the Canada Health Act and the judgment.

Last week when I questioned the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) he said that the federal Government would "maintain the integrity" of medicare. Where is the action by the federal Government? What has been done to maintain the integrity of the Canada Health Act and our universal medicare system? On this, as on other issues, we are getting great rhetoric from the Government benches, as we heard again this afternoon, although I have seldom heard it quite that smug. But we are not getting any action.

I believe the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap was entitled to ask where the underlying agreements lie within the overriding umbrella of the ERDA. The Minister rose with some fanfare and said that there was a press release. This morning we were told that there would not be an announcement. We asked for the press release, but it had not been completed. The only thing which has happened is that the funding amount has been agreed upon at \$525 million. None of the underlying agreements for forestry, mining, the environment, fisheries, or tourism have been signed. We are no further ahead. The Government managed, however, to present the press release in an attempt to embarrass the mover of the motion.

That \$525 million is well short of the \$650 million which the Province of British Columbia felt it was entitled to. In the reading of that press release, I noticed that the money would respond to provincial Government priorities. What concerns me is that the federal Government is not insisting on a national agenda for ERDA. It is all very well to respond to provincial priorities, but we have a national agenda for reforestation, fishing, mining and tourism. We will be putting further questions to the Minister and to the Minister of State for Forestry (Mr. Merrithew) when we have those agreements, asking how that national agenda will be maintained. What guarantees do we have that the provincial Government will not divert funds from the underlying purposes of the agreement for other purposes, along the priorities which that particular province may set for itself, in complete denial and repudiation of the purpose of ERDA? It has been done in other areas and it can also be done here.

Fifty cents of every dollar in British Columbia comes from the forest industry. Reforestation is critical. Analysts have indicated that there are only 38 years of trees left in that province, maybe more or maybe less. The modernization of that industry must continue. The competition of trees which come from a shorter harvest in the southern United States,

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Latin America and elsewhere is becoming more and more damaging for the Province of British Columbia.

The province needs research and development. We are not contributing to the technical innovation of the natural resource industries in British Columbia. I see nothing concrete in terms of research and development in British Columbia. The Minister of State for Science and Technology (Mr. Siddon) admitted yesterday, before the committee, that the promise of the Prime Minister to double research and development, which he made during the election campaign, would not be realized within the term of this Government. It is another broken promise. We now know that research and development is no longer a priority.

I would like to deal with mining. The Mining Association of British Columbia, in its brief which was presented to the Standing Committee on Transport, said that transportation was absolutely fundamental to the infrastructure of the mining industry. We have heard nothing about that this afternoon. The mining industry in the Province of British Columbia is now competing world-wide against subsidized metallurgical competition, which is subsidized by governments and owned by governments which sometimes sell those metals under cost. That is what British Columbia is having to compete against.

A lot of geophysical research should be applied. We should be looking at new ways to discover ore bodies. At the moment the companies are not able to do that. In the last three years the mining industry in British Columbia suffered a total loss of one-third of a billion dollars. If we add provincial property taxes and hydro taxes—which, after all, are just taxes on gravity representing costs which must be passed on we see that money is not recoverable. In British Columbia we should be looking at taxes which are based on profits, not taxes which are taken at the root, making the cost infrastructure of the industry non-competitive world-wide.

I have not heard a commitment for small business. Nor have I heard much about tourism. What has happened to employment in the tourism industry in British Columbia is roughly equal to what has happened in the mining industry. It represents roughly 8 per cent to 9 per cent of the total employment in the province. When we realize what is happening to the mining industry and the challenge which faces the forestry and fishing industries, then tourism is obviously the most immediate way to take up the slack. I hope we will receive more information from the Minister about what the Government intends to do by way of a federal response. All we have seen so far are cuts to the Canada Wildlife Service, cuts to the Parks Canada budget and the raising of fees to enter those parks. That is no way to sponsor the tourism industry in British Columbia. The Government should be imaginative. It should be converting Garibaldi into a national park.

I would like to speak about trade. I have said repeatedly in this House, since having had the honour of representing the riding of Vancouver Quadra, that Canada is no longer simply an Atlantic or an Arctic nation, it is now also a Pacific nation. We must reach out to the markets in the Pacific Rim. The need is urgent and the infrastructure must be supplied under