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Under the government's new proposals, not only would she have been disqualified for 12 weeks but she would also have been denied any UI.

We should be congratulating this woman for standing up for the rights of the disadvantaged, not punishing her by denying her unemployment insurance.

With the threat of no unemployment insurance, others may not be so courageous putting the health and safety of group home residents at risk.

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SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek—Assiniboia): Madam Speaker, I rise to applaud the small business employment and investment package announced on Wednesday.

To encourage small business to expand and hire new employees, UI premium costs will be capped at 1992 levels. New enterprises will have a UI premium holiday for 1993.

Rules on investments in small business by RRSPs and labour-sponsored venture capital funds will be simplified and financing options expanded.

As well, a one year 10 per cent investment tax credit will be available for purchases of new machinery and equipment by small business in farming, fishing, mining, oil and gas, manufacturing, construction and long-haul transportation.

These measures will help those 800,000 private sector small business enterprises which are the engine of economic growth and the major source of job creation in this country.

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VIMY BAND

Mr. Peter Milliken (Kingston and the Islands): Madam Speaker, in an attempt to reduce costs, the Department of National Defence is considering relocating the historic Vimy Band currently stationed at CFB Kingston to CFB Borden.

Moving the Vimy Band would require the transfer of 35 military personnel at an estimated cost of \$409,500. By

comparison, relocating to Kingston the CFB Borden staff would require the expected transfer of eight personnel at a total cost of \$96,300. This makes no sense.

Since its founding in 1952, the Vimy Band has been stationed in Kingston. Its ties with the community are very important for Kingston area residents and for the members of this great group of musicians.

If the department is serious about cost savings, look elsewhere. This scheme is ill-founded, ill-conceived and a major upset to the lives of 35 talented and competent musical soldiers.

I urge the department to re-examine this issue very carefully.

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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Mr. Scott Thorkelson (Edmonton—Strathcona): Madam Speaker, when the government was bringing in free trade, the opposition parties declared their full support for GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. They said that we should enhance trade through multi-lateral negotiations.

The Liberal and NDP love GATT except when politics intervene. When it comes to complying with GATT on patent protection for brand name pharmaceuticals bringing our patent protection to the international standard of 20 years, then the opposition is against GATT.

Are the Liberals and the NDP in favour of GATT or not? How would they negotiate complex trade agreements? Will they be for or against GATT next spring when it concludes?

I look forward to learning of their positions.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Madam Speaker, on Sunday, November 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, we will remember the Montreal massacre and I will remember the many women in my riding who have been murdered on the streets and officially forgotten.