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joint ventures with international groups in order to promote economic development and social welfare in underdeveloped countries. One such venture focuses on the need for upgrading training for nurses in Pakistan. This project by CIDA is being carried out in conjunction with the Aga Khan Foundation. The project is an extremely useful one and is a departure from what has been the general practice in Canada's development assistance.

Instead of having the teaching staff from Canada sent to developing nations, the University of Karachi is planning to send some 50 nurse-tutors to Canada to upgrade their qualifications and teaching skills, utilizing the excellent facilities at McMaster University in Hamilton. The details of this trend-setting program are in the process of being worked out, and a contract will soon be signed.

My concern is based on past experience involving medical personnel who have come to this country for training. Quite often these skilled people decide to remain in industrialized, developed countries instead of returning to their homelands where their skills are desperately needed. I hope that an understanding will be reached and enforced for such programs for foreign graduates, to ensure that these skilled professionals return to their countries of origin so that they will be able to help their fellow countrymen, rather than remain in the more developed nations.

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## NATIONAL PARKS

## HIRING OF LIFEGUARDS IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

**Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque):** Madam Speaker, I would like to address a serious problem concerning the hiring practices for lifeguards in Prince Edward Island's National Park by Parks Canada Officials.

The 1983 competition for surfguards at the National Park resulted in a situation where many previously employed, trained and qualified surfguards from P.E.I. scored poorly in a ratings interview by two Parks Canada employees. Eight qualified, experienced applicants from P.E.I. were not offered positions. These applicants were previously employed with the P.E.I. Parks System and had from two to seven years' experience.

In the past, at the end of the season, each lifeguard would be appraised and, on the appraisal, the supervisor would add comments whether or not this person would be recommended for employment again. In the past, these appraisals have been used as a factor in rehiring.

A number of questions require answers. Why were these appraisal sheets, used in previous years, not used this year? Why would these qualified people, with their past experience, suddenly receive such a poor rating, in an interview? Why would people from outside the Province be hired when qualified people are available on the Island?

The P.E.I. National Park Surfguard Service has the best reputation in Canada and a perfect record of never having had a drowning within a supervised area since its inception in 1949. This record is thanks to our qualified, experienced lifeguards.

Why has the method of hiring changed at the P.E.I. National Park when the system has proven to work so well?

I would suggest that the Minister take a serious interest in this matter and take immediate steps to rectify this situation.

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## THE BUDGET

## ALLEGED LEAK OF VOLUNTARY SECTOR PROVISIONS

**Mr. Stan Darling (Parry Sound-Muskoka):** Madam Speaker, today the local CBC morning radio show, "CBO Morning", contained an interview with a Mr. Mac McDonald of the Canadian Heart Foundation. Mr. McDonald ended the interview with the casual comment, "And by the way, I was told about these changes in the budget (that affect the voluntary sector, and charitable donations) before the budget was brought down." To this, the interviewer replied, "Oh, another budget leak, eh?" Mr. McDonald answered, "Yes."

Granted that the concept of honour means something different to the upper echelons of the Liberal Party than to the rest of the western world, and granted, even, the Minister's feelings about budget secrecy being unnecessary, which would have carried much more weight if he had revealed them before being caught with his hand in the cookie jar, it seems to me that this revelation seriously changes the nature of the budget leak issue. No longer is it possible to consider the leak as being an accident. Now it can only be seen as one of two things, either a deliberate attempt to flout parliamentary traditions, or the exhausted stumblings of a Party and a Government weary unto death. Neither explanation brings much credit to the Government.

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## THE BUDGET

## INTRODUCTORY DATE OF SPECIAL RECOVERY TAX

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Madam Speaker, far be it from me to complain on partisan grounds, but I cannot help but observe that in his recent budget the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) has sunk to a new low, even for the Liberal Party.

In order to gloss over the past mistakes of his Government he now proposes to undertake major new expenditures, but in order to pay for this largesse he proposes a \$2 billion special recovery tax that will not come into effect until October 1, 1984.

The new principle is presumably, "Spend now and let the next Government pay for our mistakes." Or, in other words,