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this year. This is even more laughable because it may cost more to administer the program in 1990.

In past years, Mr. Speaker, the jobs created by Challenge and Young Canada Works helped thousands of young people in Ottawa—Vanier pay for their education. Since the devil finds work for idle hands to do, it would be in the Conservative government's interest to invest this money to keep our young people busy and to educate them, which would help it avoid spending millions of dollars on problems of drugs, alcohol, theft and so on caused by inactivity. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed deplorable that the government is cutting its programs for youth.

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#### SUMMER EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

**Mr. Eugène Bellemare (Carleton—Gloucester):** Mr. Speaker, the announced cuts in the Summer Employment Experience Development Program are going to create tough time for students who want to pursue their education.

The SEED program provides wage subsidies to encourage employers from all sectors to create jobs for high school, college and university students.

Last year in the Ottawa—Carleton area alone, \$1.3 million were allocated to the program. This year that amount is being cut by 85 per cent.

Last year 79 jobs were created in Carleton—Gloucester alone. With these cuts, only 91 jobs will be available for students through this program across the whole Ottawa—Carleton region.

In times when fees are going up drastically and the goods and services tax will increase the price of books and resource material, how will students be able to afford an education? The government is denying them employment opportunities and a chance to contribute toward Canada's economic growth.

The government is letting the students down by refusing to invest in our youth and the future of this country.

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#### HEALTH

**Hon. David MacDonald (Rosedale):** Mr. Speaker, in May 1989, the Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS was established. It includes members of the House from all three parties and of the Senate.

The Ad Hoc Committee on AIDS is a voluntary group of concerned people who have come together in a non-partisan way to address one of the most serious pandemics facing our world today. This is a voluntary association of committed parliamentarians, but we would obviously welcome the establishment of a special joint committee of both the House and the Senate.

This week we will begin holding a series of public meetings which will result in recommendations to the government. On Wednesday, March 7, Dr. Earl Berger and Mr. Ian Sadinsky, authors of the *Working Document for the Development of a National Strategy on HIV Infection and AIDS* will appear before our committee. This meeting will be followed by the appearance of the Canadian AIDS Society on March 14.

AIDS represents a serious crisis in Canada. Much has been done to address the many issues surrounding it but much more work still remains to be done.

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#### HEALTH CARE

**Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby—Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, in 1963 Linda Macdonald, a young mother of five children, sought medical treatment at the Allan Memorial Institute in Montreal from Dr. Ewen Cameron. Instead, without her consent, she was subjected to a series of barbaric medical experiments, including 109 electric shock treatments, being kept in a drug-induced coma, and subjected to a psychic driving tape placed under her pillow.

These projects were funded by the Government of Canada then, as they had been during the 1950s. Linda Macdonald lost the first 26 years of her life. Her lawyer, Tom Berger, has filed an action on her behalf in the