it affects every single person entering a national park. Those increases in the charges were made with no thought whatsoever to how it would affect all the people. According to this, anyone who lives within a national park will now have to pay $30 to go trouting. Those cuts are worse.

We now come to what I would call ridiculous and impossible cuts under Parks Canada. The first sentence indicates that alternative guide services, such as self-guided and volunteer guided tours, will be implemented on interpretation trails throughout the park system. That is absolutely ridiculous, Mr. Speaker. That is impossible. How can you have volunteer self-guided tours in national parks? As I mentioned to the Minister before, you have to erect signs saying "Enter at your risk". You would probably have to leave a telephone number for search and rescue on the same signs. Can you imagine people visiting our national parks, going among the forests and bears on a self-guided tour? That is plainly and simply ridiculous. I presume that the Minister has enough in her budget to paint those signs to say "Enter at your own risk".

I will now turn to the cuts in the atmospheric environmental service. That is a service which really cannot be cut at all. When the Conservatives were running for office, they said they were going to increase that service and provide better weather forecasting. They were going to spend more money on personnel in the weather offices in eastern Canada. This was one of the big election promises. The cuts are bad in that operations will be streamlined by integrating weather stations at five locations: Goose Bay, Sept-Îles, Port Hardy, Prince George and Fort Nelson. That is bad enough. The next section, which I would classify as being worse, reads that according to the Minister, weather observing stations at Eddy Point, Nova Scotia, and Bissett, Manitoba, as well as the North Bay, Ontario weather office, will be closed. Rather than the promises to increase personnel in the weather offices throughout the country and to improve forecasts for fishermen and farmers, weather offices have been closed. These cuts could be classified as being worse.

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We come to the third category which I would classify as ridiculous and impossible. The Minister says that those people wishing weather information additional to that provided by the media will be charged a fee for this service. That is just plain insane. The Minister has tried to skirt around the question of how one can charge people for phoning the weather office. I brought this question up in the House one day with particular reference to fishermen and those whose health and safety are affected. The Minister said in the Chamber, in grandiose fashion, that fishermen will not have to pay. For a moment I reflected on the generosity of the Minister of the Environment (Mrs. Blais-Grenier) in at least retracting somewhat on that policy. However, I began to question how one could know if it was a fisherman who was phoning the weather office. Will he have to give his social insurance number so that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans can verify if he is a fisherman? Even if it could be determined that a fisherman was phoning the weather office, by what means could he be charged? When I pursued this further with the Minister, I asked her the same question. She had to admit in the Chamber what she was bound to find out anyway, that she was incorrect. Everyone will be charged, including the fishermen and those people whose health and safety could be affected by that information. There was no way to exempt fishermen.

Today there is no possible way to charge someone for phoning the weather office. One would have thought that the Minister of the Environment would have discovered that. The CRTC will not allow her to do what she had asked Bell Canada to do, which was to make the collection for the Department. That cannot be done because it violates their licence.

There is only one option that the Minister can use to collect $1.3 million from Canadians who want to know what the weather will be but missed the forecast on the TV or radio. The only way to collect that money, which is listed in the Estimates as revenue of that Department, is for the weather office personnel to call back someone phoning the office in order to charge them for the call. In other words, it is giving more work to weather forecasters than they can do in the weather office.

Let us continue with the Minister's press release. There is a section which is bad with respect to the Environmental Protection Service. The Minister announced that waste management activities will be cut to save $1.2 million. That is bad enough because we have wastes in this country that are dangerous to Canadians. They are scattered in provincial jurisdictions, in vacant mines and in old buildings in the middle of the countryside. According to our regulations, there must be some monitoring taking place. There are provincial jurisdictions with provincial rules which do not even permit wastes to be transported across provincial boundaries without the permission of that provincial jurisdiction. It is detrimental to cut $1.2 million from a branch that deals with the safety of Canadians.

Even worse, toxicology research will be phased down with cut-backs on specific projects in certain provinces such as in your home province, Mr. Speaker. The ridiculous category concerns wildlife interpretation and research which will be restricted to migratory birds and endangered species. It is not possible to cut even $100,000 from the Canadian Wildlife Service without affecting migratory birds and endangered species.

**An Hon. Member:** We did it.

**Mr. Baker:** That is exactly what I wanted someone to say. The Minister also said that "we did it." She cut back on the scientific research that was being done on the shorebirds in British Columbia. They were migratory birds. She cut back on the entire research team that was studying the effects of pesticides, insecticides and herbicides on ducks, migratory birds, in the Prairies. That experiment should not have been discontinued because the research project was only half completed. Although the research team consisted of five or seven people, how important was that research? They discovered that the aerial spray that was used on those farms in western