

the prison in Truro has been made, the community is determined to make it the best in the country.

*Chatelaine's* endorsement of Truro was well earned and Truro and its people should be proud of their community.

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#### CANADIAN CENTRE FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

**Mr. Bob Wood (Nipissing):** Mr. Speaker, would you spend \$8 million a year to help save \$20 billion? Apparently this government will not. I am referring specifically to the Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety.

The centre, as you know, is a model organization in that it exemplifies the spirit of co-operation that can exist between government, labour and business. All three share in its administration.

It has in its mandate the promotion of health and safety and disease control in the workplace. It is a Canadian success story that is world renowned for its objective research and it provides useful information to all segments of society.

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Indeed, of its total sales, 43 per cent of them were to foreign markets. Yet this government is threatening to shut it down by calling off its funding.

This government likes to talk about productivity, competitiveness and the need for co-operation but does very little about it. Here we have a centre the work of which helps to prevent over \$20 billion a year in lost productivity to the economy for a nominal cost of \$8 million, and declining.

With the spiralling costs of health care, it makes sense to take preventive measures through education and information campaigns. If anything, perhaps the government could use the centre to help correct its shortsightedness.

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#### THE BUDGET

**Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to draw the attention of Quebecers to highlights of the 1992 federal budget. The reduction in the personal income surtax will benefit 4.7 million taxpayers in Quebec.

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We are going to simplify, streamline and enhance federal support for 2.9 million families and 2.3 million children in Quebec.

The negative aspects of the present tax system for the average family will be eliminated.

We will make it easier for people to own their own homes by allowing families in Quebec to use funds invested in their RRSPs.

We will reduce the tax burden on 11,000 Quebec companies in the manufacturing and processing sectors; we will increase the capital cost allowance rate for machinery in those sectors; and further measures are planned to assist small businesses and farming operations in Quebec.

We will improve assistance for some 42,000 disabled persons in Quebec.

And finally, Mr. Speaker, we will provide additional assistance for about 170,000 students at the post-secondary level in the province.

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[English]

#### ELLIOT LAKE

**Mr. Maurice Foster (Algoma):** Mr. Speaker, today Denison Mines is shutting down its mining operations in Elliot Lake, Ontario, resulting in the loss of some 1,000 jobs.

The number of jobs lost during the last two years is over 3,400 or 85 per cent of the mining jobs in that community. One cannot exaggerate the adverse impact these lay-offs will have on the community in terms of loss of competence in the future and loss of hope that new employment can be found for these workers.

Making things even worse, the government has announced it is closing the Atomic Energy Control Board office in Elliot Lake at a time when it should be expanding its operation to ensure that the decommissioning of these uranium mines is done in a proper way to protect the long-term safety of the community.

I call on the Government of Canada to reverse its decision regarding the Atomic Energy Control Board office. I call on the Government of Canada to put in place new effective adjustment programs to assist workers who have lost their jobs and to take new initiatives to diversify the economy of Elliot Lake and the north shore communities.