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note that the yields from last year are down 30 per cent to 60 per cent due to continued drought across 13 counties, and that the Niagara—Haldimand area and Essex were critically damaged due to excessive moisture last spring. The income of corn producers in Ontario is currently only 28 per cent of pre-1985 levels.

Although grain and oilseed producers in Ontario are encouraged that the government has finally made an announcement of possible aid, the "if" factor of the government's proposal has left them vulnerable and does not address immediate planting problems.

To date, there has been no indication of how much assistance has been earmarked for Ontario or what mechanisms will be used to determine levels or the nature of that assistance. These critical questions need answers immediately from the government.

The time for stalling is over. Canada's producers need a firm commitment rather than one that makes them pawns for the cynical hard ball tactics of the federal government against the provinces.

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WORLD HEALTH DAY

Mr. Rey Pagtakhan (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, Canada celebrates on Saturday, April 7, World Health Day, which has for its theme "Your Health and the Environment" and for its slogan "Think Globally and Act Locally".

About 1,000 to 2,500 children under the age of five years in developing countries die every hour from diarrhoeal disease caused by lack of safe water. About one million people are poisoned each year from contact with pesticides of whom between 5,000 and 20,000 die.

Indeed, environmental problems are now the world's major causes of diseases, death and dislocation. Industry poses the danger of chemical contamination and toxic waste. Burning fossil fuels causes the greenhouse effect.

Destruction of the environment by creating deserts and raising the level of the sea will force people to move from their homes.

This year's theme challenges all concerned to embark on an awareness program to highlight the measures citizens and countries must take to stop further damage

to our planet and to spotlight the viable options for sustainable development.

As parliamentarians, let us accept the political prescription: the challenge to us to act locally in matters of health and the environment is great; the challenge to us to think globally when we act locally is greater.

"No man is an island, entire of itself", wrote the 17th century poet, John Donne. As we celebrate World Health Day, let us recall and live his message.

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LABOUR

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton): Mr. Speaker, as members will know, the task force report of the Canadian Labour Market and Productivity Centre was released this past Monday.

The report highlights that Canada's future economic growth and prosperity will increasingly depend on a highly skilled and adaptive labour force. Yet, to meet the demands of an evolving work environment, Canada needs a new attitude and approach to training our labour force. Our current national training effort sorely lags behind that of our major competitors.

It is imperative that our government show leadership in this respect. We must work with the provinces as well as with business and labour to realize the fundamental recommendations of the CLMPC report.

Through a new institutional framework, policies and programs, we can help Canadians adapt effectively to the changes in occupational and skills requirements which they will face in the future.

I urge the members of this House, and indeed all Canadians, to read the CLMPC report. Many of the recommendations demonstrate the urgency and vitality of an effective and comprehensive skills training strategy for our future economic well-being.

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FISHERIES

Mrs. Coline Campbell (South West Nova): Mr. Speaker, details of the government's long awaited relief package for the Atlantic fishery are trickling out. In what we have seen so far, there is no mention of any plan to upgrade the role of the Department of Fisheries and