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## NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT OF ALL CANADIANS

**Mr. Guy St-Julien (Abitibi):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to remind the House and the public that this week, May 1 to 7, is Mental Health Week.

For 30 years, the Canadian Mental Health Association has been coordinating activities intended to make Canadians more aware of this field in order to reduce the stigma associated with mental illnesses and to encourage the community to accept those among it who need mental health services.

The Department of National Health and Welfare is glad to take part with the CMHA in this worthwhile effort to draw attention to the importance of all these issues. This year's slogan for Mental Health Week is: Mental health—keep it in mind. We have to find a balance.

Mr. Speaker, all Canadians are invited this week to give their full support to the activities planned by CMHA local offices in their own communities.

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[English]

## CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

## CLOSURE OF BASES—LONDON, ONTARIO

**Mr. Joe Fontana (London East):** Mr. Speaker, from first to last Michael Wilson's leaked Budget is a national disaster. It is Hurricane Wilson and London has been devastated by it. Each and every person will be hurt by it. CFB London has been slated for closure beginning 1990. The Wolesley Barracks is the home of the 1st battalion of The Royal Canadian Regiment and they have been part of the history and soul of London for more than a century. The killing of CFB London is surely one of the least understandable measures in the Budget. The Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) claims that this measure has been taken for the good of the economy, but the loss of the Armed Forces base represents a loss of about \$50 million a year to the London economy and hundreds of Londoners are going to be thrown out of work. Yet the Minister's own Budget admits that the annual savings to the Canadian Government in wages, operations and maintenance will be small because the regiment will incur the same operating costs at Petawawa where the regiment is slated to move.

I am calling on this Government to rescind this economic blow to the City of London. All that London asks is to be treated fairly. For the next several days I will be asking all Londoners to sign petitions to keep the base open. I implore the Minister to keep all lines of communication open to us to make our case as to why CFB London should remain open.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## CANADIAN ARMED FORCES

## CLOSURE OF BASES—NORTH BAY, ONTARIO

**Mr. Bob Wood (Nipissing):** Mr. Speaker, last week the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) announced major cuts to the Canadian Forces base in North Bay. If flying activities cease at CFB North Bay, this will mean the movement of at least 400 jobs from my riding to Ottawa. This is totally unacceptable. Why is this Government centralizing at a time when our provincial Ontario Government has demonstrated the sound basis and cost effectiveness of decentralization? This move will cost \$20 million to build new hangars in Ottawa. These hangars have already been built in North Bay, and are being used right now. It will also cost approximately \$5 million to move the families. We are now up to \$25 million, and have not even moved the office equipment and machinery. This \$25 million would have to be paid right now.

The Government's rationalization for this is to save \$35 million 15 years from now. At the rate this Government is going, it will not save one cent. But this move will have a devastating effect on the economy of North Bay, not to mention the impact on the 400 families. North Bay needs the jobs. This move is just another example of this Government's gross insensitivity to the families and smaller communities of this nation. There is no commitment to the north except to close it down, or maybe there is a hidden agenda. If so, we would like to know about it.

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## THE BUDGET

## FAMILY ALLOWANCE TAX-BACK

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops):** Mr. Speaker, the latest Budget makes any person with children and with an income in excess of \$50,000 ineligible for family allowance. Does this Minister realize how unfair and discriminatory this provision really is? If you happen to be a single parent or the sole wage earner in a family and receive more than \$50,000 a year, you will not be able to collect family allowance. However, if a working yuppie