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For this Prime Minister, promises are cheap. But his real commitment to science and technology is non-existent.

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FORESTRY

Mr. Ken James (Sarnia—Lambton): Madam Speaker, who said the government's budget wasn't green? This year it was printed on environmentally friendly paper. Thirty per cent less pulp is needed to manufacture this new paper, which means that 34 per cent fewer logs are used and more trees are left standing. Twenty-two and one-half tons of paper were actually saved.

This solution is even better than recycling, which is commendable but which requires chemicals in order to turn paper into pulp again.

However, this move is not just environmentally friendly. It is also cost effective. The new stock is 20 per cent less expensive than the old. There are also savings in mailings and bulk shipment costs since the documents weigh 30 per cent less.

These days call for restraint and respect for our environment. Michael Wilson and his department deserve kudos for achieving both.

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THE CABINET

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister as leader of Canada's marginal party, and enjoying the support of 19 per cent of Canadians, has now decided to give his government a face lift. As all cosmetic surgery, this one is only skin deep.

Harvie, the chair stormer, is now going to be the House Leader. Doug and the slug will be Minister of Transport. Benny and the jet will be the minister of industry; and Tom the fish will flounder elsewhere.

One change is missing from all this. The shuffler should have been the shufflee.

THE BUDGET

Mrs. Edna Anderson (Simcoe Centre): Madam Speaker, in 1984-85 the operating balance was in deficit. Ongoing program expenditures were about \$16 billion higher than ongoing revenues.

Today in 1990, our operating surplus increases from \$8.9 billion in 1989-90 to \$14.7 billion for 1991-92.

Mr. Wilson's 1990 budget inspires confidence in Canada's future. This expenditure control plan will put the deficit back on a downward track. It will free up domestic savings to help finance needed investment, diminish our reliance on foreign savings and reduce the burden of the debt for future generations.

The stage has been well set by the Hon. Michael Wilson for sustainable economic growth and a strengthened economy.

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REGIONAL DISPARITY

Mr. Ray Funk (Prince Albert—Churchill River): Madam Speaker, northern Canadians are used to cold weather but they are getting sick and tired of being left out in the cold by this government.

Northern communities already face unemployment as high as 85 per cent, astronomical living costs and services which should embarrass southern Canadians. But rather than recognize these special needs, this government clobbered northerners in the recent budget.

The elimination of the Exploration Incentives Program will stifle the mining industry.

Cuts to CMHC will make a disgraceful housing situation even worse.

Cuts to the native communications system will isolate northern Canadians even more.

The cap on INAC funding will halt economic development in Indian communities.

Cuts and transfer payments will mean that second-class status in health and education will continue.

Therefore I call on the government to reverse these disastrous cuts, to at least retain the northern tax