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bia. The committee seems to believe that it has some interest in what is entirely a provincial matter.

Sustainable development has become the catch phrase of the day. Nowhere is sustainable development more appropriate than in the Carmanah Valley in British Columbia. Despite the cries of pending doom, Carmanah is being managed in a responsible manner, consistent with sustainable development. An initial reserve 25 per cent larger than Stanley Park has been established to preserve the unique old growth Sitka spruce. The balance of the timber will be harvested over a 70 year period. Reforestation plays an important role in the management of this renewable resource.

British Columbia and MacMillan Bloedel are developing a management plan that shares the Carmanah Valley. This agreement has been reached without federal help. As such, I would suggest that the House of Commons environment committee not interfere in provincial jurisdiction, mind its own business and kindly butt out.

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NATIVE PROGRAMS

Mrs. Christine Stewart (Northumberland): Madam Speaker, the federal government has chosen to slash nearly \$10 million from native programs which will have a detrimental effect for natives in my riding and across Canada.

In the last five years the native population has swelled as a result of federal legislation which allowed many native people to regain their rightful native status and return to the reserves. However, the government has now cut the funding necessary to deal with increased growth and has cut the ability of native people to lobby the government.

This year's budget has put a 5 per cent limit on expenditure growth in the areas of housing, public works, band management and economic development. The impact is felt on Alderville Reserve in my riding which has 60 families now on a waiting list for homes on the reserve, forced in the interim to pay exorbitant rents off reserve, some living with two families per unit. The 5 per cent cap on growth in funding will not keep pace with the population growth on reserves.

As well, Secretary of State funding cutbacks have attacked the core funding of such native groups as the

Assembly of First Nations and the Union of Ontario Indians, organizations which are the communication links between the native people and Ottawa.

The government must live up to its commitments and reinstate communications and social funding for native programs.

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GOVERNMENT OF QUÉBEC

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Madam Speaker, on March 24, *Le Journal de Montréal* printed the following, and I quote:

"Decision made before Wilson Budget—"

On November 6, 1989, well before the Wilson Budget, the Bourassa government had decided to transfer part of its obligations and its deficit to the municipalities.

Furthermore, the Bourassa government decided that in 1990-91, it would reduce spending in all departments and agencies by 10 per cent and cut spending on education, postsecondary education, health and social services, and income security (housing assistance).

This was revealed in an order in council, adopted on that date by the Bourassa cabinet and now released.

Madam Speaker, I hope the Liberals, and especially the NDP, read this article in *Le Journal de Montréal*.

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[English]

CRUISE MISSILE TESTING

Mr. Stan Keyes (Hamilton West): Madam Speaker, the Hamilton, Ontario chapter of Science for Peace, along with many other Canadians, oppose the continued support by the Conservative government for cruise missile testing over Canadian soil. The over 300 scientists and other members of Science for Peace say to the government that cruise missile testing completely negates any efforts Canada may be making in the cause for global peace and security.

While other countries in the world are sheathing their swords, Canada is keeping remnants of the cold war alive by participating in the testing of these destructive weapons.

As Science for Peace members correctly pointed out in their second letter of protest to the Secretary of State for External Affairs, there are many ways in which Canada can honour commitments to NATO, instead of participating in cruise missile testing. Canada can start by