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judging from recent reports, it is unlikely that we will see one. The government's lack of commitment to reforestation in this country is shameful. It has still not renewed the forestry agreement with the province of Ontario.

In 1985, more than \$75 million was spent by the federal government over four years to regenerate our forests in northern Ontario. Now it appears that Ontario's forests will get a small slice of the \$40 million this government has offered for regional development.

This government has stalled long enough. It is time for it to make a real commitment to regional development and to our forests. I urge the government to renew the Canada-Ontario Forest Resource Agreement immediately and to provide the necessary funding to get the job done. It is time the government put its money where its mouth is.

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## TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY

**Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Premier of New Brunswick announced the expansion of the Trans-Canada Highway.

As we all realize, the future prosperity of New Brunswick depends upon a good transportation system. Confidence in the economic future of my province is on the rise, and yesterday's announcement clearly indicates this confidence and, yes, confidence in where we as a nation are going.

Quoting Premier McKenna: "We simply must have financial support from the Government of Canada to finish our upgrading project. I believe the federal government will participate in our efforts to upgrade our major highways."

I support the premier's remarks and point to the budget before this House which will assist the province of New Brunswick to realize its full potential.

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[Translation]

## GOODS AND SERVICES TAX

**Mrs. Shirley Maheu (Saint-Laurent—Cartierville):** Mr. Speaker, on this 8th day of March, the International Women's Day, those 52 per cent of the Canadian population will have an opportunity once more to show

this Conservative Government they oppose the regressive goods and services tax, the GST. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next, from March 12 to March 16, we Canadian women, our families and friends can register our opposition and say no to the tax through an electronic petition. The all important phone number to remember is 1-900-720-6052.

I therefore ask each and everyone to dial 1-900-720-6052 and say no to this Conservative Government. We will have none of your GST.

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## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**Mrs. Carole Jacques (Mercier):** Mr. Speaker, I am most pleased to rise on the occasion of the International Women's Day to pay tribute to all women in my constituency, in Canada and throughout the world and say how much I am proud of Canada's role as a world leader in promoting women's rights.

Our presence for a third consecutive term on the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women strengthens our international role. Now working in a special, extended session in Vienna, the Commission is reviewing the implementation of the prospective action strategies for promoting women that were approved in Nairobi and endorsed by all Members of the United Nations during the World Women Conference held in 1985. Canada played a key role in approving the strategies and is actively pursuing their successful implementation.

Mr. Speaker, Canada's commitment to promoting women throughout the world will go a step further in October next when we host the third Commonwealth Conference of Ministers responsible for the status of women. Three cheers for women!

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[English]

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

**Ms. Dawn Black (New Westminster—Burnaby):** Mr. Speaker, International Women's Day was first celebrated 80 years ago today at the International Conference of Socialist Women. It is a day inspired by the struggles of working-class women who went on strike in the early part of the century to protest dangerous working condi-