Petitions

EMPLOYMENT

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO ATHABASCA RIDING

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabasca): Madam Speaker, I would like to direct a question to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. The allocation of funds to the Athabasca riding under the Canada Community Development Program is down considerably from last year, and this during a year of high unemployment in the Athabaska area because of the disastrous shutdown of the Alsands and Cold Lake projects. Will the Minister be allocating more funds to the Athabaska riding?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, as always, I am prepared to look at the allocations on the constituency level. I would remind the Hon. Member that under the $300 million program that we announced last July, which is just now coming into effect, there is a special allocation called the Special Response Fund which is designed to be allocated to those areas particularly hard-hit by immediate or recent changes in the employment picture. If the Hon. Member would like to prepare a dossier for me concerning the conditions faced by his riding, he knows I would give a sympathetic hearing, as always.

PROJECTS FOR NATIVE PEOPLE

Mr. Jack Shields (Athabaska): Madam Speaker, I would like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. As the minister is aware, northeastern Alberta contains most of the area covered by Treaty No. 8 and a number of reserves where employment is probably hitting 90 per cent or 95 per cent. Will some of that special allocation fund be made available for employment projects for native people in the Athabasca riding?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, I have to remind myself exactly of where the money has been allocated in that portion. I would again point out that as part of the community development job creation effort, we do have a special stream for native people, an additional $10 million which is designated according to where there are large concentrations of reserves or native communities. I am sure that that portion of the money has been allocated in that area, but I will check to make sure that it has been done in an equitable way.

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PETITIONS

TABLING OF REPORTS OF CLERK OF PETITIONS

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that the Clerk of the House had laid upon the Table reports of the Clerk of Petitions stating that he has examined the petitions presented by Hon. Members on Wednesday, August 4, 1982, and finds that they meet the requirements of the Standing Orders as to form.

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[*Translation*]

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a message has been received from the Senate informing this House that the Senate has passed the following bills without amendment: Bill C-201, to amend the Holidays Act, and Bill C-127, to amend the Criminal Code in relation to sexual offences and other offences against the person and to amend certain other Acts in relation thereto or in consequence thereof.

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[*English*]

THE ROYAL ASSENT

Madam Speaker: I have the honour to inform the House that a communication has been received as follows:

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Government House
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27 October, 1982
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Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the Honourable Brian Dickson, Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, in his capacity as Deputy Governor General, will proceed to the Senate Chamber today, the 27th day of October, 1982, at 5.55 p.m., for the purpose of giving Royal Assent to certain Bills.

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I have the honour to be,
Madam,
Your Obedient Servant,
Edmond Joly de Lotbinière
Administrative Secretary
to the Governor General
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ROUTINE PROCEEDINGS

[*Translation*]

INDIAN AFFAIRS AND NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT

PRESENTATION OF SEVENTH REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane-Superior): Madam Speaker, I have the honour to present the seventh report of the Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

[*Editor's Note: For text of above report, see today's Votes and Proceedings.*]