

Adjournment Debate

saying that I want to thank the Hon. Member for his words of appreciation for the people of the Department of Employment and Immigration. I am sure that his comments and those of his Progressive Conservative colleagues regarding improvements that have been made, and particularly the substantial amount of work being done by departmental employees, especially in the areas they represent on the West Coast, will be greatly appreciated by the people concerned. Many people are aware, and I am sure all Hon. Members and most Canadians have realized that Employment and Immigration employees have had an enormous workload during the past year. The Department and the Government have taken steps to try to reduce delays, and the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy) informed the Hon. Member accordingly when he enquired about this in the House.

We have had to increase the number of staff in order to answer requests as quickly as possible, and in the British Columbia Region we have also set up a computerized system in order to be able to provide a quick response to all requests

and provide efficient service to people who are seeking work and are to benefit from the various job creation programs we have established.

As for the recommendations made by a committee formed in my hon. colleague's riding, I am sure the Minister and the Government will bear them in mind. The Government and Cabinet are now examining various job creation projects, and the committee's recommendations will undoubtedly be most welcome. Mr. Speaker, I would hope that other groups would take similar action, and I am sure the Minister of Employment and Immigration and the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) will be very pleased to receive these recommendations.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order, please.

The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

At 6.25 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
