

*Oral Questions*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. This is more than enough of all of that. The Hon. Member for Hamilton East, order, please. Government Members, order, please. The Minister will please answer the question.

**Mr. Crosbie:** The answer is—

**Mr. Turner (Vancouver Quadra):** What is on your mind, Brian?

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Minister will answer the question now, briefly, please.

**Mr. Crosbie:** The answer is on page 14:

Sexual orientation is not a ground for denial of a security clearance. Rather, the criteria applied are loyalty to Canada and reliability.

Those are the criteria applied.

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**EQUALITY RIGHTS**

## POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING PROPOSED LEGISLATION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** My question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. This morning the Minister of Justice tabled this report, the *Toward Equality* report, which rejected any changes in Bill C-62, the Bill on employment equity, as called for by women and the three minority groups mentioned in that legislation. Are we to take from this report that the Minister has now closed the door to any possible changes to Bill C-62 as demanded by women's groups in this country, native Canadians, the disabled, and visible minorities? Does this report close the door to any changes?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I would not pre-empt what the House of Commons can do. As the Hon. Member knows, Bill C-62 is before the House for report stage, and I will wait to see what the House does with that Bill.

## MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. Lorne Nystrom (Yorkton-Melville):** Mr. Speaker, is the Minister saying that she and the Conservative Party are not willing to listen to the women of this country, the native Canadians, visible minorities, and the disabled? Is that what she is saying?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I thought I had said exactly the opposite. I had told the Hon. Member that I am awaiting report stage and third reading stage. As a seasoned parliamentarian he will know that at that time there will be plenty of opportunity to debate whatever he and other Members would like to raise.

**Mr. Benjamin:** You're getting too well seasoned.

**THE BUDGET**

## ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS

**Mr. Don Blenkarn (Mississauga South):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance. According to the estimates contained in the Minister's Budget, by 1990-91 Government borrowings will fall to \$11 billion based on a growth of only 2.75 per cent. I was wondering, inasmuch as every major economic forecaster from the Royal Bank through to Data Resources and Informetrica have all indicated—

**Some Hon. Members:** Order, order.

**Mr. Speaker:** The Member's preamble is too long. Just a question, please.

**Mr. Blenkarn:** With respect, Mr. Speaker, I was in my question. Why did the Minister use—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. The Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East.

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**YOUTH**

## SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT ANALYSIS

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment. Does the Minister agree with the analysis in the Senate youth report that there are more than 700,000 unemployed youth in Canada who require specially designed employment and apprenticeship programs? Does the Minister agree with that analysis?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, as I told the Hon. Member yesterday, we agree with the fact that the young people of this country need to have greater job opportunities, need to have more training opportunities. It is for that reason we have introduced the programs which benefit some 218,000 young people in this fiscal year. That will involve some \$700 million of expenditure by the federal Government, almost 40 per cent of the total budget of the Department.

## CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

**Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East):** Mr. Speaker, if the Minister agrees with the findings of the Senate youth report how can she be content with a Budget that has no provisions whatsoever for youth unemployment? I must tell her that under the Jobs Strategy Program not one job is under way in my constituency, and the program was announced last June. Does she realize—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member has asked one supplementary now. Was it a preamble, or was it a question? The question has been put.