

Canadians and most senior citizens did not benefit at all from this Budget. People will remember this during the next election campaign.

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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

EDMONTON—CANADA PLACE TOPPING-OFF CEREMONY

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, June 2, I had the honour to participate in a topping-off ceremony for Canada Place in Edmonton. Canada Place is the location of the new federal government offices which will do much to consolidate many of the federal offices in Edmonton.

A topping-off ceremony is a traditional ceremony signifying that a building has structurally reached its full height. It is a tribute to the Trizec Corporation, Ellis-Don Management Services, and the hundreds of workers who have erected Canada Place in only 18 months.

The building of Canada Place has added much to the economy of Edmonton. The \$190 million structure is being built by some 365 workers who have put in 676,000 man-hours of work. That represents a lot of money. All but six of the workers are Edmontonians. Also, 35 of the 38 sub-contractors are from Edmonton.

This beautiful building for the federal Government will not only enhance downtown Edmonton but will provide impetus for greater growth in our fair city.

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CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO IMPOSE CLOSURE ON DEBATE

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, last night the Government House Leader (Mr. Mazankowski) gave the House notice that he intends to gag Parliament on a fundamental question of life and death on the issue of capital punishment. The last time this Draconian sledge-hammer abuse of the rules took place was on October 23, 1980. At that time I was in the House. I remember that Conservative Members of Parliament stormed the Chair. They stormed the Chair in protest and outrage over the use of closure under the Standing Orders.

The same Party which now forms the Government transforms this issue now, an issue which is supposed to be a question of conscience, a question affecting each and every Member of the House, a Private Member's initiative. The Government has now taken the initiative to the extent that the

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Tory Chairperson of the Justice Committee has said: "It seems to me it detracts from what it's supposed to be—a free vote".

Yes, it detracts all right from what it is supposed to be. What we now have is a betrayal of the promise of the Parliamentary Secretary to the House Leader who said: "We are not committed to managing the debate with a heavy hand or forcing a vote by a certain date".

The Government has betrayed that promise. It is trying to shut down Parliament on an issue that goes to the very heart of what this nation is all about.

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PUBLIC SERVICE

REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF MR. GAËTAN LUSSIER

Mr. Édouard Desrosiers (Hochelaga—Maisonneuve): Mr. Speaker, I demand the immediate resignation of the Deputy Minister and President of the Employment and Immigration Commission, or his transfer to the Privy Council until such time as an impartial inquiry has been made into allegations that Mr. Gaëtan Lussier committed perjury before the Federal Court of Canada Chief Justice.

Mr. Speaker, I cannot accept that a bureaucrat would lie before a court and, until an inquiry by the Standing Committee of Labour sheds light on this matter, I simply cannot accept this incident.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I table a copy and request the dismissal of Mr. Lussier.

Mr. Speaker: Order. I am very sorry, but later perhaps it might be possible for the Hon. Member to discuss the subject of his remarks with the Chair.

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REGIONAL INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION

IMPACT OF CLOSURE OF ATLANTIC DISTILLERS IN RICHIBOUCTOU

Mr. Fernand Robichaud (Westmorland—Kent): Mr. Speaker, recently, the New Brunswick daily *Le Matin* announced some very bad news, namely that Atlantic Distillers at Richibouctou was closing its plant.

This plant closing means that forty workers will be laid off in one of the few industries that employ people year round. It will have a severe impact on the region, the community and especially on the families concerned.

The industry has been severely affected by tax increases, and more particularly by increases in the excise tax which