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of tomorrow in our marine industry, there must be a review of our shipbuilding policies of today.

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### YOUNG OFFENDERS ACT

#### CALL FOR AMENDMENT

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, the objective of the Young Juveniles Act was to keep girls and boys outside of the criminal process, but it is actually training and encouraging young people who have criminal intentions to become the hardened criminals of the future. They know they can do almost anything they like without any punishment.

For example, a 17-year old man deliberately damaged the vehicle of a constituent of mine and then laughed at the police who had to treat him as a juvenile. The owner had to pay for the damage.

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A 10-year old boy who is already a seasoned criminal having been found guilty of theft, possession of stolen property, and arson, played the "big shot" when the police could only take him home to his mother.

In one major city in the first seven months of 1985 there have been over 1,000 offences committed by juveniles, ranging from sexual assault to arson.

I urge the House to give this legislation a major overhaul that will treat 17 and 18-year old youths as adults and not as children, that will lower the chargeable age to seven or at least allow the police and the courts some discretion, and that will permit the police to publish the names and descriptions of youths who are on the rampage and who may commit further heinous crimes.

We are not being kind to children by overlooking such crimes.

Let us change the Act, and take the handcuffs off our police and show our young people that crime does not pay and crime will not pay.

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### PUBLIC SERVICE

#### CALL FOR REINSTATEMENT OF FORMER OFFICIAL

**Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane-Superior):** Mr. Speaker, I am sure that most Members of the House will share with me a sense of relief over the decision not to prosecute Mr. Richard Price, the former employee of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development who was charged with allegedly revealing a confidential document which proposed drastic funding cuts to Indian and native programs.

We know that Mr. Price was guilty of no criminal offence. He did not breach any national security. He acted out of

conscience. The Government never did admit that the leaked document was authentic.

To the Indian people of Canada, Mr. Price acted courageously and heroically. He acted in the best interests of the Indian people of Canada. The concern and opposition generated in the House and across the country over the document's cynical and irresponsible contents no doubt prevented immediate government implementation of the \$300 million suggested cut-back.

The decision not to prosecute Mr. Price was made by the Attorney General of British Columbia. The federal Government's treatment of this gentleman was vindictive in the extreme. Now Mr. Price should be reinstated in the Public Service of Canada. It should be done speedily and should be done graciously.

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### THE ECONOMY

#### STATISTICS OF IMPROVEMENT

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, Liberal rat packers and NDP naysayers notwithstanding, any objective observer will applaud the substantial accomplishments of the new national Government during its first year of office.

The economic recovery is well on its way. Some 300,000 more Canadians are working now than under the old regime. The Conservative low interest rate policy is working. Rates have declines and astonishing 2.75 per cent to their lowest level in seven years. As a result, housing starts are elevated to a rate of 155,000 units per year.

Business confidence is up, resulting in high investment intentions. Manufacturing orders are up 10 per cent, and retail sales are up 8 per cent.

Inflation has finally been wrestled to its knees. Wherever we look, glowing indicators of the new prosperity abound—all directly attributable to the eminently sensible policies of the new Conservative Government.

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### HOUSE OF COMMONS

#### PRESENCE IN THE GALLERY OF JAPANESE PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION

**Mr. Speaker:** Before proceeding to Oral Question Period may I draw to the attention of the House the presence in our gallery of Mr. Mutsuo Kimura, President of the Japanese House of Councillors and leader of a parliamentary delegation visiting Canada.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!