

With respect to Newfoundland, we are again getting into a battle of numbers. My numbers do not seem to correspond with those of the Hon. Member. Let me point out that that too is falling into the trap which I tackled at the outset, namely that these sub-agreements under the general development agreements and agreements under the new economic and regional development agreements will all have cash flow which peaks at one time and then declines.

You have to look at the total spending over a five-year period. If you spend \$30 million in year one, \$50 million in year two and \$75 million in year three, whatever it is, one would expect to see that tail off towards years four and five. For example, the regional development economic expenditures I have for Newfoundland show for 1980-81, \$42.1 million, and in 1981-82, \$39.3 million, the kind of decline I was speaking of as one comes to the end of the general development agreement.

The 1977-78 to 1981-82 average in Newfoundland was \$53.5 million. We then move to 1982-83, according to my numbers, \$49.3 million, 1983-84, \$97.9 million and 1984-85 projected at \$70.3 million. Once again, we are not talking here of all the other initiatives that have been taken in Newfoundland by various line departments, whether it is the National Research Council, the Fisheries Institute and so on.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** There is time for one brief comment.

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister gave an interview to Charlotte Montgomery which is printed on the front page of today's *Globe and Mail*. It states: "When Donald Johnston—"

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. It is not in order to quote newspapers in the way the Hon. Member is doing. Displays are not allowed in the House. I invite him to put his question directly and forthrightly.

**Mr. Waddell:** Mr. Speaker, the Minister made a speech in Halifax recently in which he was critical of the policy of the leadership candidates and the federal Government's past policies, the lack of economic policies and so on. The Minister came into the House today and said: "I get angry when I hear the Government has backed off its commitment to regional economic development". He feigns hypocritical anger. Is the Minister not being inconsistent in his speech today in view of his speech in Halifax? Is he not completely inconsistent? Is he not sort of like the piano player in a house of ill repute who, when found out, says: "I hear no evil and I see no evil; I just play the piano there"? The Minister has been in the Government. In Halifax he made a speech critical of the Government and then he gives a speech here for the Government. Is that not the height of hypocrisy?

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Chair appreciates that the Minister may want to reply, but the time for questions and comments has expired. The Minister could reply only with unanimous consent.

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

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**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Speaker, we are talking apples and oranges. Any speech I made in Halifax had nothing to do with the Government's policy on economic and regional development. The speech in Halifax speaks for itself. My comments this morning speak for themselves. The question is whether the Government has a strong and continuing commitment to economic and regional development. That is the thrust of the motion which has been presented by the Hon. Member for Hillsborough (Mr. McMillan). It is clear from the evidence that I have laid before the House this morning that it does have that commitment. That evidence will be supplemented by other Members on this side of the House during the course of the day.

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With respect to the reference to a piano player, I do not know whether that was an oblique shot at me or not. However, I can say that there are a number of piano players on this side of the House. The Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. Chrétien) and the Hon. Member for Sault Ste. Marie (Mr. Irwin) are piano players. I would only like to point out that there are piano players on this side of the House but there seems to be a lot of brass and a lot of wind on that side of the House.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The House will now proceed to debate.

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, speaking of brass and wind, the Hon. Member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) just stood up to speak. For those who are tuning in to this debate, he will be speaking after me. They can then hear the brass section and the woodwinds. I know that his speech will be very interesting.

**Mr. Crosbie:** The bull fiddle is up right now!

**Mr. Waddell:** I have a few comments to make about regional economic development in light of the speeches that have already been made. I must say to the Minister that I hope he plays the piano better than he plays tennis. I noticed that his celebrated black eye is beginning to fade a little bit. I hope his leadership campaign is not doing the same thing.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. May I invite the Hon. Member to address his comments to today's motion? He is talking about everything else.

**Mr. Waddell:** That is precisely what I am doing. I will talk about today's motion but I am just setting the stage, as it were.

I know that the Minister must leave the House, but before he goes I would like to say one thing to him. I think it does not matter if the program is called DRIE or DREE or DRIP or DRAG. The name of the program will not make any difference. What is basically happening is that the Government is throwing some token money into Atlantic Canada and then, through other policies, taking it out again. It is being removed by the transportation policies and even by some of the East Coast fisheries and by the bailing out of the Bank of Nova