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This phase of the new park assessment and negotiation stage "can mean a commitment of time to a process that can stretch over five to ten years, or more, as was the case in the recent agreement to establish Grasslands National Park". "While public involvement may complicate and lengthen the new park establishment process, it is vital".

Those are not my words, Mr. Speaker; they are the recommendations of the Chief of National Parks Systems Division, and I agree with them. The Minister of the Environment (Mr. Caccia) may want to put pressure on Parks Canada to crank out three national parks before the election, but I have some observations to make. Parks Canada has just begun the new parks public feasibility assessment and negotiation stage. Nowhere in the criteria set out by Parks Canada is it stated that the objectives of the new parks feasibility—

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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[Translation]

EMPLOYMENT

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL JOB-CREATION FUNDS

Mr. André Maltais (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): Mr. Speaker, I was very sorry to hear the Opposition Party complaining about this allocating of sums of money to the ridings who need it most. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) of the Government of Canada, in public, to give more funds to Manicouagan, because all over the riding people are calling me about very specific projects such as building a presbytery in Aguanish, the community centre in Schefferville which got more than \$100,000 last year, a platform for the village of Kégaska which needs one in order to receive the CBC station. I have more projects, Mr. Speaker, including harbour repairs which involves the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. We are going to carry out all kinds of projects, Mr. Speaker. Parks Canada in the Mingan Islands, Havre-St-Piere and Mingan, is waiting for substantial funding to help promote tourism in the area. Anticosti needs projects for people in isolated areas; I would also like to point out, Mr. Speaker, that the people in northern towns and the Inuit in the Fort-Chimo area are calling me about projects as well. Mr. Speaker, I think it is absolutely shameful that the Opposition parties should want to deprive ridings where the unemployment rate is very high, of special funds for direct job creation.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

[English]

NATIONAL REVENUE

REPORTED STATEMENTS BY PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY ON ATTITUDE OF BUREAUCRATS

Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister, if I could have his attention. This morning in a series of interviews to the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record* and to the CP the Member for Kitchener, the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board, made a number of serious allegations. He said he had deep concerns about the attitudinal problems which exist within Revenue Canada and has had these concerns for some period of time. He said the problems exist as a result of the attitude of top bureaucrats in the Department. He said: "Politics is democracy and democracy is accountability to the people, but the Deputy Minister is not accountable". Finally he said that the Prime Minister had assured him something was going to be done about his concerns.

My question to the Prime Minister is two-fold. What assurances did the Prime Minister give to the Member for Kitchener? Does he agree with the attack by the Member for Kitchener on the senior bureaucrats as being responsible for the problems within Revenue Canada?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, the Member is purporting to allude to something which went on in our caucus. It is not my practice to comment on what went on in caucus.

Mr. Speyer: Mr. Speaker, on the contrary. The allegations which I have made, and the charges made by the Member for Kitchener, are reported in today's press as a result of statements that he made to the press this morning. Those are direct comments.

ACCOUNTABILITY OF DEPARTMENT'S SENIOR MANAGEMENT

Mr. Chris Speyer (Cambridge): Mr. Speaker, does the Prime Minister agree with the assertion made by the Member for Kitchener that accountability is with the top bureaucrats for the problems within Revenue Canada, which is a very serious charge? What assurances has the Prime Minister given to Members on the Liberal side of the House that the attitudinal problems which have been spoken about by the Member for Kitchener, quite rightly, are going to be dealt with?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I am happy to have the approval of the Hon. Member when he says, quite rightly, I gave assurances that the attitudinal problems would be dealt with. They are problems which have been raised particularly by Members on the other side. It is true that the Member for Kitchener and other Members on this side have been discussing matters with the Minister of Revenue, and in caucus, about the need to improve certain practices in the Department of Revenue.