

Indian young people deserve better than this.

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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THE ECONOMY

PUBLIC'S RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT MEASURES

Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission-Port Moody): Mr. Speaker, several economic and financial indicators clearly suggest that Canadians are beginning to respond positively to the measures that this Government has taken to revitalize the Canadian economy.

The new direction for our journey of economic renewal is proving to be as rewarding as it is challenging. The process of recovery is producing results that boost confidence and demonstrate to the people that this Government is capable and prepared to provide real leadership.

These improvements represent only the first few steps toward our ultimate objective, but they nonetheless point to an encouraging and hopeful trend. Since September, close to 100,000 jobs have been created; inflation has dropped to a 13 year low of 4.4 per cent in 1984; economic growth in the third quarter of the last year clocked in at an impressive 7.6 per cent, and Canada's trade surplus is at a record high level.

Our unprecedented commitment to consultation with the people of Canada on the important issues that affect them has inspired their willingness to take up the challenge and join us in our journey toward economic renewal.

Our nation is poised for greatness as we prepare to unleash the spirit of enterprise, risk-taking, and initiative that can contribute so much to economic growth, development, and confidence which this nation so badly needs.

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EMPLOYMENT

CHALLENGE '85—APPLICATION TO NEWFOUNDLAND MUNICIPALITIES

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, I wish the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) had shown that same confidence in her summer student program that she announced recently. It is interesting to note that, of the \$205 million, some \$20 million is for loans to students so they can hire themselves during the summer and pay the money back to the federal Government. Even more outrageous is the fact that this program is heavily geared toward metropolitan areas. In Newfoundland, the businesses and government Departments are located in the city of St. John's. That program discriminates against the rural areas of Newfoundland.

On top of that, Mr. Speaker, the Minister announces that she is going to make the municipalities pay 25 per cent of the

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wages, 25 per cent of the benefits, and 100 per cent of the material costs. That works out to about 50 per cent of the total cost of the programs that has to be paid by the municipalities. In Newfoundland, no municipality can afford that.

The Minister stated that she had checked with the Gander Town Council and they said yes. I am sorry, the Gander Town Council did not say yes to that program because they just don't have the money to put into it.

The Minister should change the program now. Why wait for spring? Do it now, because she will have to change the program, and why go through the waste of money involved in printing the forms twice?

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FINANCE

YIELD ON GOVERNMENT ANNUITIES

Mr. Gus Mitges (Grey-Simcoe): Mr. Speaker, once again I am making an earnest appeal on behalf of those Canadians who, in the past, purchased federal government annuities that are paying a very low return.

There has not been an increase in the yield on these annuities since 1976, despite assurances by the Government that increases would be reviewed from time to time to reflect on-going increases in the cost of living.

The people holding these annuities, most of them now senior citizens, have received nothing but empty promises over the years that the whole matter of government annuities would be reviewed so that this unfortunate problem could be made right by redeeming the annuities at full value, thus eliminating this longstanding hardship once and for all.

The Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) has implied that the annuities were originally a contract between the Government and the purchaser, and that this consideration has to be taken into account.

The purchasers are Canadian citizens who purchased these annuities in good faith, faith in the Government, faith that they would be treated fairly by those in charge and not taken advantage of because of changing circumstances.

I believe the time for rhetoric is over. Therefore, I call upon the Minister of Finance to right this injustice at long last when the Budget is presented this spring.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

JUDGE'S COMMENTS IN RAPE CASE

Mr. Ian Deans (Hamilton Mountain): Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concern over some statements attributed to Mr. Justice John Bowlby which have been widely reported in the press in Canada over the course of the last few days. Mr. Justice Bowlby, sitting on the bench hearing a case in which an accused was found guilty of brutal rape, made comments