The Address-Mr. Malépart

"An Agenda for Economic Renewal and Full Employment". But this is merely window-dressing. There are two points which I should like to discuss concerning the so-called sacred trust principle governing social program universality which the Prime Minister and this government insisted upon. I, for one, deplore the approach of this document which aims at fostering a class war between Canadians earning \$10,000, \$20,000, \$30,000 or \$500,000. When the Prime Minister wonders if a person earning \$500,000 should be collecting family allowance—

• (1650)

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member but his time has expired.

[Translation]

I regret ... Questions and comments? The Chair recognizes the Hon. Minister of State for Small Businesses (Mr. Bissonnette).

Mr. Bissonnette: Mr. Speaker, I should like first of all to congratulate the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart) who has been elected by his constituents for a third term, although I deplore his negative remarks concerning the Government. I should like to ask him what he thinks of the \$1 billion job creation scheme which is being offered under the Canada Works Program and which has been made available thanks to a better administration. What do the Hon. Member and his constituents think of this program?

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, if only the Government had made available \$1 billion of new money, but it is \$1 billion which has been taken away from the poorest among the poor to create jobs, and the Minister has not yet defined whether the unemployment insurance money was paid to . . . Is it the rich people who are collecting unemployment insurance benefits? How about the student loan cuts? A cut of \$85 million from the summer jobs programs for students? Are these rich people? What about the 2 cent increase on gasoline and fuel oil? The Minister is not likely to get hurt in his pocketbook. But the single parent family in his own riding will certainly be hurt.

On the other hand, to reply to his question concerning the \$1 billion for job creation, what kind of jobs is it going to be? The Minister has stated that he would make no announcement, but it will be probably some kind of tax incentive for employers willing to hire young people. You know that thousands of businesses are not unionized. What is going to happen? They will lay off people 55 years of age and save money hiring young people. That will be the end result of your policy.

Mr. Chartrand: Mr. Speaker, I do not have a question for the Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart), but I have a comment to make.

As was pointed out by my colleague from Saint-Jean (Mr. Bissonnette), I am concerned to see that the Hon. Member has only negative things to say on behalf of constituents who are entitled to be well represented in the House of Commons.

As for me I simply want to comment on two points related to job-creation for young people. I am sick and tired of hearing that, in years past, the Opposition party boasted about creating a whole lot of jobs for young people. Recently, when I received the grants already allocated to my constituency of Verdun-Saint-Paul, I realized that these grants which were supposed to go to students for summer jobs were simply a continuation of Canada Works grants from past years. And who received them? I investigated and realized that most of them went to friends of the party. It so happens that I decided this year to advertise in the regional newspapers, and this had never been done before. I had never seen, in Western Montreal constituencies, advertisements saying that grants were available. I do not know if this was the case in Eastern Montreal, but in Western Montreal, this had not been done. As I do not want to take time away from other Members, I shall simply add that 11 times more applications were submitted this year and I have \$300,000 more to give. Therefore I think that the money is coming from this Government. Our Government is doing this and I do not see any evidence of a cutback. Jobs will be created in the small constituency of Verdun-Saint-Paul, and there will be at least 150 of them because, for once, a Member of Parliament is working with groups of people and public servants instead of ordering officials to help his friends.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Montreal-Sainte-Marie.

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member has just insulted you once again. Last year, you were already a Member of Parliament and you were responsible for distributing these—

An Hon. Member: In the Opposition.

Mr. Malépart: In the Opposition or in the Government, it is the same. It is about time you should learn that. I think that the Hon. Member is wrong. As for creating jobs for the students, they do not need permanent employment since they only have two-month holidays. When you were a student, you had two months of vacation, from May to September. That is when students need jobs. These jobs were important not only to help students make money, but because of the practical experience they could acquire in their work environment. Whatever the agency involved and even if this was an extension of another program, the purpose was to help the student, and the agency served the people. It is time for you to learn your job.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Etobicoke-Lakeshore (Mr. Boyer).