

diate challenge facing Canada today is to restore growth, confidence and jobs to the Canadian economy. While our economy faces serious immediate problems, my Government believes the economic potential of Canada is the strongest in the world. My Ministers will propose a five-part strategy to build on that potential.

First, my Ministers will reduce the burden of Government on the economy by better controlling expenditures. A new expenditure management system has been introduced within the Government to set strict over-all spending limits, to ensure that all Ministers accept full responsibility for spending restraint, and to require that funds for new programs come from savings in existing programs. In that context, you will be asked to approve creation of a Ministry of State for Social Development to better co-ordinate social programs and expenditures.

My Government has initiated action to reduce the size of the federal Public Service and to offer for private purchase and ownership Crown corporations operating in areas where direct government intervention is no longer necessary. Legislation will be introduced to strengthen control over and accountability of remaining Crown corporations. You will also be asked to approve "sunset" legislation to provide a regular opportunity for Parliament to judge whether Government programs and agencies need continue in their present form, if at all....

Individual initiative

Second, my Government will place greater reliance on individual initiative to generate



The Governor General and Mrs. Schreyer arrive for the opening in their landau.

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Members of Parliament, the Senate and their guests crowded into the Senate Chamber.

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growth and jobs for Canadians. You will receive proposals for regulatory reform, designed to ensure that the certainty and nature of Government regulations encourages individual initiative and planning. Measures will be introduced to expand research and development in Canada and to further promote exports of Canadian goods and services. You will be asked to approve agreements arising from the Tokyo round of multilateral trade negotiations, including adjustment measures for industries adversely affected by those agreements. The Minister of State for Economic Development will convene a national economic development conference to discuss with the provinces, business, labour, co-operatives and other groups Canada's economic goals for the decade ahead, and how they might best be achieved in a spirit of full economic partnership....

Tax credit for mortgage interest

Third, my Government will propose measures to help individual Canadians build a stake in our country. You will be asked to approve a program of tax credits for mortgage interest and property taxes. Measures will be placed before you to assist small and medium-size enterprises, and to encourage more Canadians to participate in the ownership of public and private enterprises. You will be asked to consider revisions to the Employment Tax Credit program, the creation of a youth employment secretariat, and other measures to create new jobs for young Canadians. An employment strategy for

women will be placed before you. Programs to assist native Canadians to develop and apply work skills will be expanded....

Fourth, my Government will ask you to support programs which build upon the strengths of the regions of Canada. Legislation will be placed before you to strengthen the mandate of the Department of Regional Economic Expansion. You will be asked to consider a white paper on future development of our fisheries resources, prepared in consultation with fishermen, the fishing industry and the provinces. My Ministers have begun to overhaul the grain transportation system through appointment of a grain transportation co-ordinator, the signing of agreements for the development of the Prince Rupert terminal, and a significant increase in hopper car capacity....

Energy self-sufficiency

Fifth, my Government is committed to making Canada self-sufficient in energy by 1990. To that end, in consultation with the provinces, measures will be introduced to encourage a significant reduction in Canada's over-all energy consumption, and to stimulate a major expansion in our capacity to supply and distribute energy in various forms. In bringing forth these measures, my Government accepts and respects provincial jurisdiction over resources, as it accepts its own responsibility to ensure economic stability, competitive advantage and other national objectives....