

Alton Parker from Windsor, Ontario, the first black detective in Canada.

The accomplishments of these black achievers are in keeping with the determination of the Government to ensure that blacks and all minorities can participate fully—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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#### NATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

##### REJECTION OF YUKON INDIAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION APPLICATION

**Mr. Keith Penner (Cochrane-Superior):** Mr. Speaker, early last week I questioned the Minister of State for Small Business (Mr. Bissonnette) on the health of the Native Economic Development Program and the fate of the application of the Yukon Indian Development Corporation. On Friday the Minister rejected the Yukon proposal. It was a good proposal, one which had been highly recommended. The Minister did not reject it for lack of money, because we know he withheld \$90 million for the program this fiscal year.

Was it rejected because the Hon. Member for Yukon (Mr. Nielsen) did not want it approved? Who is responsible for the Native Economic Development Program?

The Yukon Indian Development Corporation has been treated unfairly. Stalling, foot dragging, and then rejecting good proposals are sure ways to kill a much needed program, one designed to help native people move from dependency to self-sufficiency.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

##### CONSTRUCTION OF DETROIT INCINERATOR—NEED FOR POLLUTION CONTROLS

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, a new incinerator of huge capacity and lacking adequate pollution controls is to be built in Detroit. It will spew particulates, dioxins, acids and other contaminants on the citizens of that city in quantities which will significantly increase the incidence of cancer, and it will do so with the blessing of the Governor of the State of Michigan.

This would be a matter of lesser interest were it not that Windsor, which, for the information of the Government, is located just south of Detroit, will also suffer the health hazard that rains upon its neighbour. This must not be tolerated. The Government must provide its support to Ontario in fostering the resolve of the U.S. authorities to impose stringent pollution controls of this facility to protect their citizens as well as to live up to their responsibilities to those of Canada.

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#### THE ECONOMY

##### GOVERNMENT'S PERFORMANCE

**Mr. Fernand Ladouceur (Labelle):** Mr. Speaker, I would like to report on the efforts made by our Government with respect to measures announced in the last Budget to increase our support for small businesses. Small- and medium-sized businesses are still one of the major sources of new jobs, and that is why we must support their creativity, their sense of initiative and leadership. Budget measures such as the repeal, as of January 1987, of the special 12.5 per cent tax on dividends paid by small businesses, the higher limit on loans to small businesses, from \$1.5 to \$2.5 billion, and the broadening of existing tax regulations under which business investment losses are deductible constitute the positive response to the message given to us by Canadians in September 1984, namely to create jobs and strengthen the economy. Our performance speaks for itself: 580,000 new jobs, the unemployment rate has dropped below 10 per cent, and 81 per cent of the new jobs are on a permanent basis.

That, Mr. Speaker, spells performance.

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#### THE COMMONWEALTH

##### CELEBRATION OF COMMONWEALTH DAY

**Mr. Bill Attewell (Don Valley East):** Mr. Speaker, today we are celebrating Commonwealth Day in Canada and throughout the Commonwealth, for the tenth consecutive year. Twenty-six countries are represented here in Ottawa by their High Commissioners.

The Commonwealth is a unique association, embracing 49 countries of varying races, religions, and cultures, representing 25 per cent of the world's population. The members share a common working language, the heritage of common law and parliamentary traditions.

The Commonwealth has provided leadership in many ways, such as international leadership in the movement against the apartheid in South Africa. It is also playing a major role in maintaining North-South dialogue, and in focusing world attention on the economic and debt problems of the world's poorest nations.

We must also applaud the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for emphasizing the need to integrate women as full partners in the world-wide economic development process.