

acknowledge that the efforts we are making are having an effect. He can argue whether they are right or wrong, but to say that nothing is being done is simply a speech based upon ignorance. He knows that many initiatives have been taken in the area of job-creation and that many initiatives are targeted to meet the needs of those who are experiencing the problem most severely.

Right now this government has created 100,000 direct employment jobs for 1981-82. I would remind members of this House that it was the Conservative Party, when it was in government, which cancelled direct employment programs. Therefore, if the Conservative Party were in power, there would be nothing at all available to help those communities which need assistance in direct employment programs. That happens to be the truth. That is a fact.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Kempling:** What a bunch of garbage!

**Mr. Axworthy:** The budget of the Conservative Party cancelled any money or any resources for direct employment programs, programs under which its Members of Parliament are now calling daily, saying, "Can we have more money for the fisheries in British Columbia," or for the natives up in Athabasca, or for the people in the maritimes. It was their government which cancelled the programs, and we are creating 100,000 direct employment jobs.

**Mr. McDermid:** That's a lie!

**Mr. Axworthy:** If it is a lie, I would ask the hon. member to go back and check his figures, because it is not a lie. The Conservative Party cancelled these programs and we brought them back into effect. We are now creating over 100,000 jobs this year.

**Mr. McDermid:** Your own staff says it is a fallacy!

**Mr. Axworthy:** One hundred thousand jobs are being created through direct investment by this government in direct employment programs, the LEAP program, the CCDP and the CCSP programs.

**Mr. Kempling:** Tell us about the \$150 million you blew on manpower training.

**Mr. Axworthy:** The hon. member for Rosedale wants new experience? Those programs are providing 7,000 jobs for the physically handicapped in this country, programs which were not available under his government.

**Mr. McDermid:** For ten months, and then you cast them off.

**Mr. Axworthy:** We are providing jobs for those working in the social service areas, in the daycare centres and the crisis centres. They are providing work for women and young people. The LEAP program provides a high degree of employment for native people in this country. We are providing direct employ-

ment because we feel we can target those resources most effectively where it hurts most.

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In the meantime, beyond that particular orbit, we have allocated as part of our economic strategy \$60 billion of investment in economic development programs in this country over the next five years, \$60 billion to create jobs in the regions of this country. We have put in money to create 2,000 jobs in New Brunswick through the Mitel Corporation, the St. John's dry dock, and the F-18 fighter which is creating a lot of jobs in the territory of the hon. member for Rosedale, metropolitan Toronto. Money is going into the northeast coal projects and into Petro-Canada. In other words, there is a direct investment program.

A program was announced last week by the minister of DREE, \$93 million in the microtechnology area. We believe we must provide assistance in those areas of the economy in which there is a growth potential. We believe we must provide an incentive in those areas.

The hon. member for Rosedale talked about the budget. He said the budget is anti-incentive. Those are strange words coming from the mouth of the member of a party which prides itself on its commitment to free enterprise. Now they are claiming special privileges for incentives. Basically what we did was to reduce the marginal tax rate for the risk-takers and entrepreneurs so that they would have more capital and could decide for themselves how to use it. They would not have the cost-sharing that may go into films or oil development. We place a better trust in the judgment of the entrepreneur, putting more capital into their hands to invest in job creation rather than using specially constructed cost incentives.

That is the party of free enterprise and it is now saying, please do not do that, please do not cut taxes for risk-takers, don't cut back the marginal rate, don't provide across-the-board incentives. They want us to provide special privilege incentives for their friends. We believe the best way to ensure a general incentive for the business community is to reduce their taxes, bring the rates down so that they can have more capital in their hands to invest back into the business community.

It is about time the business community recognizes that they should not be spoon-fed. We are putting money in their hands so they can make judgments about the investment opportunities that they think are the best allocations of their own funds. The problem with members opposite is that they are illogical and inconsistent in their advice. On the one hand they say we should eliminate free enterprise within the market system. On the other hand they say we should not rely on the market system but give special privileges.

As the third part of that strategy they have recognized that we are going through major problems of adjustment in this country. There are technological changes. There are major changes in the industrial structure of Canada. The people must be protected and given security in those kinds of changes. As a