

[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

RESULTS OF POLL CONDUCTED IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the CBC released a poll that was recently conducted in the national capital region analysing residents' views on the Government's restraint measures and on the Public Service. Given that a large majority of these residents are public servants, the results were extremely interesting.

Forty-five per cent of public servants think there are too many public servants and only 8 per cent think there are too few. When asked to judge the value for taxpayers' money, 69 per cent of public servants answered either "fair" or "poor". Thirty per cent of public servants feel more services should be contracted out to the private sector, and 23 per cent feel the over-all effect of the Government's restraint measures are positive.

It is refreshing to know that public servants realize that Government bureaucracy is out of hand. The Liberals and NDP should get their heads out of the sand and recognize what all other Canadians have known for years. We are often too quick to criticize and too slow to praise. Today I, along with millions of other Canadians, praise the public servants on their objective analysis of the Government's performance and direction.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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POLITICAL PARTIES

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Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I too want to speak about yesterday's CBC poll. It said in part that, if an election were to be held tomorrow, the Tories would get 23 per cent of the vote, the Liberals would get 29.1 per cent of the vote, and the NDP would get 12 per cent of the vote. The moral of the story is that the people of the national capital area have had it with the Tory Government and the next time around they will get rid of the Tories and will bring the Liberals back to power.

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TRADE

OBJECTIVES OF FREE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES

Mr. Guy Ricard (Laval): Mr. Speaker, free trade negotiations between Canada and the United States are aimed at

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boosting economic growth, creating more jobs, and making our industries more efficient and more competitive on world markets.

Contrary to the views expressed by United Auto Workers President Bob White, we do not want to sell our technology, we do not want to sell our culture, and we certainly do not want to sell out Canada. If Mr. White believes he can help Canadian negotiations by hiding facts from the public, he is badly mistaken.

Instead of holding his union workers to ransom he should be defending their interests. If he wants to get into politics, let him hand in his resignation, get himself elected leader of the New Democratic Party, and take his seat in the House of Commons where he can display his true socialist colours.

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[English]

MULTICULTURALISM

CHANGE IN FUNDING CRITERIA

Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of State for Multiculturalism (Mr. Jelinek) has begun to change funding criteria in his sector before the House approves his new multicultural policy. The result is a reduction in funding to hard-pressed community organizations in various regions. Some organizations which were rejected because of the spending freeze last winter are likely to be missed again in the 1986-87 Budget.

The Minister has decided that multiculturalism means business, and some of his limited funds will be directed to support that initiative. The Minister knows the inevitable consequences of that. Some organizations will be cut off, or all of them will receive less than they need.

In the Manitoba region multicultural program officers have only 90 per cent of last year's funding to fund this year's programs. It is more than time for the Minister of State for Multiculturalism to issue a policy paper and to consult with ethnocultural communities about his funding priorities. It is also more than time for the Government to rediscover the vital work of multicultural organizations and to fund their efforts accordingly.

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TRADE

INCREASE IN EXPORTS FROM SASKATCHEWAN

Mr. John Gormley (The Battlefords—Meadow Lake): Mr. Speaker, recently the Saskatchewan economy has encountered the difficult combination of declining world markets for wheat,