

find clients for a program which the Member of Parliament for Yellowhead was not told about.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Let me come back—

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Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Right Hon. Member for Yellowhead has the floor.

AUTHORIZATION OF ACTION

Right Hon. Joe Clark (Yellowhead): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. It is the question I asked him before. Who authorized the Member for York South-Weston to negotiate on behalf of the Government of Canada the distribution of funds designed to bring credit to the Liberal Party in a constituency that was not her own? It is a simple question. Did the Minister authorize it? Did Senator Davey authorize it? Did Jim Coutts, who has had \$1 million spent in his riding without, I would judge, agreement or consultation with the Member for Spadina—

Mr. Andre: It is the porkbarrel. It gets so greasy it is slimey.

Mr. Clark (Yellowhead): Who authorized the Member to negotiate that spending?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, just because the right hon. gentleman is having difficulty bringing forward clients to take advantage of government programs is no reason to preclude any other Member of Parliament, including the Member for Niagara Falls, from trying to fill in that vacuum. The short answer to the right hon. gentleman is, as he should know—

Miss MacDonald: Why are so many turned down?

Mr. Roberts:—that any Member of Parliament, indeed any citizen, can discuss with a variety of groups, any range of groups, how they might take advantage of government programs.

The negotiation, if you like, the signature of the contracts with the various groups that are concerned—a negotiation in that sense—is in the hands of my officials. There is no restraint on any Member of Parliament in talking about the possible advantages of programs and how they might be used. I invite members of the Opposition to do the same. It would be interesting to get some valuable projects suggested from them as to what we should do.

Mr. Crombie: Thirty-two projects, John.

Oral Questions

HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

BABY BOTTLE NIPPLES

Mrs. Ursula Appolloni (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs. I refer to an article in the December 26 edition of *The Toronto Star* concerning a United States report of carcinogenic substances in baby bottle nipples.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mrs. Appolloni: It is not funny, Mr. Speaker.

In view of recent United States regulations on nitrosamine levels in baby bottle nipples and pacifiers, does the Minister intend to take action in Canada with respect to these products?

Hon. Judy Erola (Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs): Mr. Speaker, yes, as a precautionary measure I will be introducing regulations as soon as possible to spell out the maximum levels of nitrosamine levels in baby bottle nipples and pacifiers. It is a matter of some urgency. I would ask Members of this House to take this matter rather seriously. There is proof that it is a carcinogenic material as a result of tests with animals. The measures I am introducing include two levels of reductions. We will, for the period remaining of this year ask that these products contain 30 parts per billion of nitrosamines which will be reduced to 10 parts per billion by January 1, 1985.

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I would hasten to reassure all parents in Canada that the products tested by my Department at this stage show that 75 per cent of them have levels of no detection or of lower than the 30 parts per billion. I want to reassure the parents of the country that most of the products they are using are indeed safe. We are releasing a list of the products which have been tested, and the levels indicated. In parting I would like to add—

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Mrs. Erola:—that this is obviously a case once again of the fact that there is really no substitute for the real thing.

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NATIONAL REVENUE

REQUEST FOR MORATORIUM ON PROSECUTIONS

Mr. Lorne Greenaway (Cariboo-Chilcotin): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Revenue. He will be aware of the Paul Graham case wherein Mr. Graham won his case under Section 31, in the Federal Court last fall, only to have the Minister then proceed to the Supreme Court of Canada with an appeal.

It has come to my attention recently that a judge in the tax court in Saskatchewan has thrown out a case in which Mr.