

Adjournment Debate

Mr. Dingwall: Environmental clean-ups. They should be important.

Mr. Baker: Environmental clean-ups should be important but are not allowed. The provincial Governments are told that there is no sense in applying for this, but there is \$1 billion here. If the Liberals or the NDP hold it up in the House of Commons, they are preventing this \$1 billion from being spent. That is what they have said.

They have not mentioned where the bureaucracy is. They have not mentioned the very things that are important to Atlantic Canada. There is no doubt that some programs do receive quite a bit of funding. There is a program called Section 38 which receives a lot of money. Under that program, people go to work but they cannot collect unemployment insurance from their work. It is a big program in Atlantic Canada.

There is another program with hundreds of millions of dollars called Job Development. Under that program, people have to be trained to do something. There is no attention paid to what they are doing, as long as they are being trained to do something. Ever since this Government took office, thousands and thousands of people have been hired to learn a trade. What trades are being learned? Carpentry work or the use of chain-saws in the woods are being learned. People can only get into the project if they do not know how to do it.

These positions are advertised on the radio. People cannot go to Canada Manpower any more to register. No, that has been removed. Any jobs that come up are announced on the radio. People have to listen to their radios. There are jokes being heard all over the place in Atlantic Canada about listening to the radio, and you can imagine what some of them are, Mr. Speaker.

Somebody says: "Well, you know, I want to get a job in the Public Service. Well, I have to bring my radio wherever I go. If I'm working at another job, I have to bring in the radio and listen to the radio at the time the jobs come on". When the jobs come on, they say: "Five carpenters needed at such and such a job site, please consult with your local Manpower Office, but if you are a carpenter, you can't get one of the jobs". Just imagine, an electrician needed, only qualification is no experience.

Bowater and Abitibi-Price laid off a lot of workers because of a cut-back in logging operations. The Government of Canada, in its wisdom, decided to have a reforestation program—are you saying that I am at the end of my time, Mr. Speaker?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Yes, but I hate to say that because I really enjoy the Hon. Member's debate. Is there unanimous consent to let him carry on until 6 p.m.?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Baker: The boat *The Maritimer*, skippered by Willie Bolt himself of Grand Le Pierre, two minutes ago arrived in St. Pierre with a cable on from a French fisheries patrol vessel, hauled into the port. I presume Willie and the boys are now being escorted to some accommodations as the Government of France said that the nation violated the 12-mile territorial sea around the nation of France off the coast of Canada. I presume that they are being given good French hospitality.

Mr. Gauthier: French cuisine.

Mr. Baker: Yes, French cuisine. The people who were arrested in Newfoundland complained that all they got was pizza. What did they expect, Beaujolais Nouveau?

I suppose I could conclude by saying that what will happen to these fishermen over the next three or four hours on St. Pierre and Miquelon will be very important to the Government of Canada and to what happens in the negotiations between Canada and France. A lot of people are very, very angry. As I say, I have spoken to the family members, and they do have the House of Commons cable down there. Maybe Willie is watching the broadcast. Everyone is very concerned about the crew members. Hopefully the thing will be resolved this evening, but you will hear about it in the House tomorrow, Mr. Speaker, and I can guarantee that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. Clark), the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Siddon) and that other Minister from St. John's had better be prepared.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the House ready for the question?

Some Hon. Members: Question.

Some Hon. Members: No.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 66 deemed to have been moved.

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES—FUNDING OF AGENCY TO ASSIST EX-PRISONERS IN NOVA SCOTIA

Mr. Svend J. Robinson (Burnaby): Mr. Speaker, on April 29 of this year, I asked a question of the Minister of Justice (Mr. Hnatyshyn) in his capacity as the Acting Solicitor General. At that time, I asked the Minister about the decision of the Correctional Service of Canada to cut funding in the amount of some \$127,000 to a very important service for ex-prisoners in the Province of Nova Scotia.

This particular service is known as ROPE, the Real Opportunities for Prisoner Employment Program, and it assists ex-prisoners in getting re-established in the community and in