

*Adjournment Debate*

priority consideration in future programs. I put the question forward again. She has not answered to my satisfaction. She has not answered to the satisfaction of Canadians. She is allowing the minority communities in Canada to face a very bleak future, a bleak summer and a very bad winter. I hope that in response to my question the Minister will offer some help to those affected the most.

• (1825)

**Mr. Bill Kempling (Burlington):** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member wanted an assurance that visible minorities would not be adversely affected by the proposals contained in the policy paper tabled by the Hon. Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mrs. McDougall) on April 11. The amendments to the unemployment insurance program are not targeted toward any special group. Rather, they are designed to raise the efficiency of the labour market. A key aspect of the labour force development strategy, however, is a reallocation of expenditures to more "active" training and re-employment measures for the unemployed. "Active" spending helps the disadvantaged most by giving them the skills necessary to get good jobs. The unemployed people that I have talked to want jobs. They do not want hand-outs. I can assure the

Hon. Member that under this Government, disadvantaged Canadians will not be overlooked.

The Canadian Jobs Strategy already has target levels for visible minorities. These target levels will be maintained, providing more money for training and will guarantee more funds going to visible minorities. This Government introduced the Employment Equity Program and the Federal Contractor's Program which provide opportunities for increased labour force participation of women, aboriginal people, visible minorities and persons with disabilities. I can assure the Hon. Member that the Labour Force Development Strategy is intended to speed up the integration of visible minorities in the labour market. Measures throughout the strategy will accelerate the integration of employment equity goals and action plans in private sector policies and programs.

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**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Champagne):** The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 18.27 p.m.