

ment can honestly tie the recent improvements to any government program. As a matter of fact the only government program fully implemented to date is Canada Works 1985, a Liberal program. In the Budget and the Regina statements, there were lots of promises but no details and no implementation.

The Globe and Mail of June 8 reports that many economic analysts are reluctant to attribute job improvement to any federal policies. Thomas McCormick of Data Resources has said: "I wouldn't attribute a whole lot to what they've done". He traced the new jobs to the continued strength of Canadian exports, and to buoyant consumer demand. This means that there will not be any significant and steady improvement in the employment picture unless the Government brings in specific job-creation programs, with specific goals. We need a six and five program for employment.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member, but his time has expired.

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[Translation]

EMPLOYMENT

ECONOMIC SITUATION IN BEAUCE REGION OF QUEBEC

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, I would like to reveal to Hon. Members some realistic figures on the Beauce region which reflect the energy and confidence of our business sector.

Under the Challenge 85 program, we have been able to get jobs for over 515 students in Beauce, a considerable improvement over last year, and more than 70 per cent of the jobs created were provided by the private sector.

Also, for the sector covered by the Conseil économique de Beauce-Sud, yesterday's statistics show an increase of 17 per cent in permanent jobs, an increase of 34 per cent in the value of goods shipped and an increase of 65 per cent in investments in small and medium-sized businesses. In fact, this means 840 additional jobs.

In concrete terms, Mr. Speaker, this amounts to a real increase of \$100 million in sales in just one sector in the greater Beauce region.

Mr. Speaker, the regions must help each other and have confidence in themselves. The important thing is to restore a climate of confidence and to maintain it. It takes team work. Small- and medium-sized businesses, workers, pensioners and Government authorities, supported by a positive press, must work together to create jobs. They have a moral obligation. And that is what is happening in our region. Before improving social programs, we must control the deficit and have a healthy economy. That is what we believe in my region because the people of Beauce are known for their common

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sense, and they know we cannot live with a deficit that is gnawing—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member. The Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway (Mr. Waddell).

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[English]

POLITICAL PARTIES

PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE CAUCUS MEETING

Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway): Mr. Speaker, with the election last September 4 of hundreds of Conservative back-benchers, many Canadian senior citizens have lost a strong voice to defend them in Parliament against the attack on pensions by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) and the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). However, there is still time to encourage Conservative MPs to speak out for the people they were elected to represent.

I am told that there is to be a special Conservative caucus meeting this coming Saturday. I encourage all those people who live in Conservative-held ridings and are concerned about the Government's attack on pensions, to call their Conservative MPs immediately to demand that they speak out in caucus on behalf of the senior citizens of Canada. This is especially important to those who live in ridings where strong NDP voices were lost to silent Conservative back-benchers.

People who live in the riding of Nanaimo-Alberni should call their Member at 613-996-4971; people who live in the riding of Kootenay West should call their Member at 613-992-2855; people who live in the riding of Kootenay East-Revelstoke should call 992-2876, and people who live in the riding of Winnipeg-St. James should call 992-2474. They should tell their Members to get off their butts and fight for pensioners at that special meeting of the Conservative caucus on Saturday.

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[Translation]

THE BUDGET

BUDGET'S IMPACT

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): Mr. Speaker, I had a chance to accompany the delegation of French-speaking parliamentarians in connection with the activities of the International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians. The purpose of the meeting was to look at water technology and science. Mr. Speaker, I can assure you that most parliamentarians and representatives from thirteen countries who attended the meeting were very much impressed with the abundance of natural and human resources in this great country of ours. They were constantly saying how lucky we were to have such a wealth of resources.