

The Advisory Council's report has supported the recommendations put forward by the New Democratic caucus on the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, and on the need to concentrate on the traditional industries of Newfoundland, such as the fishery, as a source of future employment and prosperity.

On ACOA, the report supports the New Democratic caucus proposals to have board members of the agency include representatives of business, labour, and social organizations, which proposals were rejected by the Government. The council supports the New Democratic Party's proposal that ACOA funding be allocated to Newfoundland on the basis of its economic disparity, rather than to be treated as if its needs were the same as the other maritime provinces. It supports the long-held view of this Party that it is time for Canada to adopt a policy of full employment for our young people based upon the Swedish model.

Newfoundland and Labrador will need 80,000 new jobs between now and 1995 in order to meet their needs. Only 18,000 are ever likely to be created under current policies.

Hibernia is not the answer, and never will be for the unemployed of Newfoundland. New approaches are needed.

I call upon the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mrs. McDougall) to announce immediately that she will implement the proposals and recommendations of this committee so that the unemployed of Newfoundland will have some hope for the future.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT—POSITION OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Gilles Bernier (Beauce): By asking the Senate to block the free trade legislation, Mr. Speaker, John Turner has acted irresponsibly. This partisan manoeuvre sets a dangerous precedent. By using their majority of non-elected representatives in the Senate, the Liberals are short-circuiting the parliamentary decision-making process to oppose the will of a majority of Conservative Members, who were elected as a result of the clear desire for change indicated by Canadians in the election of 1984. This was a desperate gesture on the part of the Liberal Leader. According to the polls, most Quebecers and Canadians are in favour of free trade. There are so many benefits—

Conscious of the fact that his Party will go down to defeat, the Liberal Leader has attempted this manoeuvre before the election to dramatize the debate. This goes against the economic interests of Canadians. Formerly, federal Liberals in

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Quebec were considered as brothers by the provincial Liberals. Subsequently, the climate changed. No longer brothers, they became cousins. But today, federal Liberals in Quebec have definitely become the enemies of the provincial Liberals in that province. By opposing an agreement that would be highly beneficial for Quebec, Mr. Speaker, John Turner's federal Liberals have dug their own grave.

Mr. Speaker, the ones who are being manipulated are the non-elected senators. As Mr. Masson pointed out in *La Presse*: "They are taking part in a highly irregular, outrageous, blasphemous and anti-democratic manoeuvre". Shame on the Senators who let themselves be manipulated!

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RAILWAYS

RAIL SAFETY TASK FORCE REPORT

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Transport (Mr. Bouchard) has now received a report from the federal Rail Safety Task Force, and as we have learned from one of the task force members who issued a minority report a few weeks ago, the charge was that the task force was biased in favour of the railway lobby and that a plan to relocate rail lines for dangerous goods transportation away from the Metropolitan Toronto area, and other urban centres, to less populated areas, was only recommended for further study based on the question of economics. I beg to differ.

The question of relocating railway lines and slowing down railway speeds should not be settled on the basis of economics but on the safety and viability of communities living along those railway lines. Various neighbourhoods in my own riding of York West are already burdened and frustrated with the noise levels and vibrations and the de-evaluation of their properties because of these railway lines. They do not need another threat of dangerous spills in their community.

I ask the Minister, in preparing a response, to take a lesson from the mishaps that have already occurred and to establish that the fact of safety must be the first, the foremost, and the undisputed priority for this Government to consider.

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PRAIRIE FARM REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

JURISDICTION OVER IRRIGATION PROJECTS

Mr. Geoff Wilson (Swift Current—Maple Creek): Mr. Speaker, the PFRA has for some 50 years developed and managed water reservoirs, irrigation projects and other works in southwestern Saskatchewan. Current PFRA patrons