

ter of Energy, Mines and Resources (Miss Carney), when we can find her—she is rarely in the House—says that there is no problem. She tells us not to worry about it, things will get better and the sun will shine. There are already major lay-offs taking place at the big oil companies in Canada. The smaller Canadian companies are simply preparing to sell out since that is the only way they can gain some return.

I would now like to give Hon. Members a smaller example, one that is crucial in my province, of the maladministration, inattention and indifference of this Government. I refer to the Port of Churchill. It was a matter of major concern to westerners for a long period of time that something be done to try to restore the Port of Churchill as a viable and useful port facility. We signed an agreement in 1983 with the Province of Manitoba committing something in the order of \$93 million of joint expenditures to bring the port up to proper and sufficient working efficiency. Some two-and-a-half years have gone by since that time.

During that period the Conservative Government, which has seven Members from Manitoba, has done absolutely nothing to implement the agreement. When we look at the proposals for expenditures for 1986-87 all we see in it is a line stating that there will be a major development of a port facility at Sept-Îles. We know whose riding that port facility is in. It will receive something in the order of \$8 million. But we receive a consolation prize. The Government is going to build us a tug for the Port of Churchill. It will not do the dredging so that the port can operate. Nor will the Government fix up the grain terminal or go ahead with the major refurbishing of the railway line. The Government plans to build a tug. I know that the tug can be moved somewhere else, probably to Sept-Îles to serve the constituency of the Prime Minister.

The commitment I refer to was legal and binding. The money was in place. We talked about consultation with the provinces. There was full consultation with the province. There was a full accord with respect to the objectives and goals.

What has this Government done since it took office? Absolutely nothing. As a result, the Port of Churchill is once again on the brink of extinction. Once again, the Port of Churchill is being threatened with closure because the Government refuses to take the action that a previous Government had already prescribed and funded. The Government simply has not gotten around to finding its way clear to do anything about it.

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The Government is asking Parliament for a large amount of money so that it can do good works for Canadian people. I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that there are no good works being done in western Canada, and there is no reason to vote for this borrowing authority because the people of western Canada are being gypped by the Government. They are not getting their fair share of attention. They are not getting their fair share of resources and they are not getting their fair share of proper, effective Government from the Tories in Ottawa. Therefore there is no reason for anyone on this side of the House who

cares anything about western Canada to support the Government in its request for borrowing authority.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It being 11 minutes after one o'clock, I do now leave the chair until two o'clock.

At 1.11 p.m. the House took recess.

S.O. 21

#### AFTER RECESS

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

### STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 21

[English]

#### YOUTH

##### KATIMAVIK PROGRAM—SENATOR'S HUNGER STRIKE

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, not only has the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) broken his promise to the young people of Canada by failing to table some new youth programs by the end of March, it is quite clear that the approach of the Government to the position taken by Senator Jacques Hébert has been in fact to allow the issue to become a political football. The statements made by the Minister on the weekend will in no way lead to an early resolution of the situation.

I draw to the attention of the Government that not only has Senator Jacques Hébert fought for the reinstatement of the Katimavik program, but the Business Council on National Issues, the organization from which the Government derives most of its economic policies, was so praiseworthy of the program in a policy statement last year that it suggested that it should be continued and expanded. The Council thought the program was working and was reaching out to the social conscience of Canadians. The Government has chosen not only to ignore Senator Hébert and to ignore the plight of young people but also to ignore the suggestions of BCNI.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Sixty seconds.

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#### GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY

##### ANNIVERSARY OF ATTAINMENT OF FREEDOM

**Ms. Lynn McDonald (Broadview-Greenwood):** Mr. Speaker, Greek Canadians and all people who love freedom celebrate today the anniversary of Greek independence when a very small and long oppressed people finally overthrew the yoke of the Ottoman Empire. However, freedom once gained can be lost, and independence for a small country next to a large one, and one with much greater military power, is always at risk. This is why Greek-Canadians have been concerned with such