

ance Commission. That is why the matter comes under the jurisdiction of my department.

[*English*]

**Mr. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker, before I put my supplementary I would very much like to thank the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion for the statement he has made with respect to full benefits.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. Before the hon. member asks a question I think he has a responsibility to this House, and to the Chair, to recognize that his words have gone a little too far in accusing a minister of deliberately deceiving him. In 100 years of parliamentary history that has never been accepted as a parliamentary term. It should be possible for the hon. member to co-operate with the Chair and amend his suggestion. It has always been possible to suggest that an hon. member has misled a member or has misled the House. I would suggest that perhaps the hon. member might give some thought to making a distinction on that basis.

**Mr. MacInnis:** I would like to follow up the supplementary question I—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The hon. member has no right to ask a supplementary until he has indicated whether he intends to accept the suggestion the Chair has made, which is a very reasonable suggestion. The hon. member knows that an attempt is made by the Chair at all times to co-operate with hon. members and to make it easy for them to make their points when they are representative of the views of the people they represent. I suggest very candidly, honestly, and with all good will to the hon. member, that it would be very easy for him at this point to indicate that perhaps his words went a little too far and that he would be satisfied to say that, although he has been misled, or the House has been misled, he has not been misled intentionally or deliberately.

**Mr. MacInnis:** With all due deference, Mr. Speaker, I sincerely apologize to you for putting you on what might be considered a very touchy spot. Nevertheless, I know you will handle it properly and I will probably wind up before a committee of this House, but I stand here now and maintain that the truth is stronger than any rules of this House.

**Mr. Mackasey:** Mr. Speaker, perhaps I did not hear too well over here but I found nothing particularly offensive in the hon. gentleman's remarks. The Scots and the Irish have mental telepathy, and I understand that the hon. gentleman's main concern has been the miners of Devco. He has communicated with me on half a dozen occasions, both verbally and in writing and I am quite satisfied with the turn of events. The important thing is that the workers of Devco, through my representations to my colleague and representation by other members, will receive, although there is no legal obligation on the part of Devco, the 10 per cent increase in unemployment insurance benefits. I am quite prepared and happy to let the matter rest there.

#### *Inquiries of the Ministry*

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. I am not entirely satisfied with the suggestion made by the minister.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** I really do not think it is for the minister or the person who perhaps has been aggrieved to say that he will not pursue the matter. It is not the minister who has been offended, it is the Parliament of Canada.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Speaker:** I doubt very much whether we can allow this kind of incident to go without notice. It certainly is most unpleasant for the Chair. The hon. member has always been kind to the Chair and has co-operated with me, but at the same time he must realize that there are limitations to what can be done and what cannot be done. I have invited the hon. member to co-operate with me. I wonder whether the hon. member might not like to take into account the words of peace extended by the minister. The minister has indicated that he is prepared to forget the incident. It seems to me this is a good basis on which we might forget about the matter. If the hon. member were to take the same generous position as the minister, I think we could go on to pursue the business of the House. I would invite the hon. member to give this some thought. I am sure he has it in his heart to be as generous in this regard as the minister has been. I would invite him to do this.

**Mr. MacInnis:** Mr. Speaker, it is very hard to resist your appeal and on the basis of the words of the Speaker I would apologize to the Chair. I hope that this apology will stir the committee into meeting on this very serious matter in Cape Breton. There have been only two committee meetings since the petition was put before the House. That petition having been accepted by the House, I think it is time this government gave justice to the miners of Cape Breton because I have been pursuing this matter for three years.

**Mr. Speaker:** The hon. member has been generous enough to tender an apology, and I doubt whether we should go any further. I realize it is not easy, when an hon. member feels he is really fighting as objectively and strongly as he can for the people he represents, to go further than the hon. member has done in this instance. I can assure the hon. member and the House that I am satisfied, but I hope he will keep it in mind that if the same words are repeated, and the same incident happens, I will have to take the same stand and ask for withdrawal, apology or rectification, which the hon. member has been generous enough to make.

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#### YOUTH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAM—AVAILABILITY OF GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION FORMS—NUMBER TO BE EMPLOYED

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Secretary of State whether the