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earlier, we are spending something like \$2.5 million a day. In the year 1983-84, close to 180,000 young people will have been assisted by these programs. The most expeditious way the Hon. Member could help would be by getting his Party to let the Crow legislation pass through the House because that would create jobs for young people as well as others. It would enable us to bring forward within the structure of a Speech from the Throne those programs which are needed by this country. He can help a lot more. He has been in his job more than two months and he still has not responded to that problem.

REQUEST THAT MINISTER MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT WITHIN TEN DAYS

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, the Minister talks about what the Government has done. I repeat, there are over 500,000 young Canadians who are out of work. The Government's total program so far for the youth of this land are concerned will provide jobs for fewer than 5 per cent. Considering that legislation is not required, will the Minister give a promise to the young people of this country that, within the next week or ten days, he will make an announcement about job-creation programs so that at least a number of them will have jobs by Christmas who would not otherwise have a job?

Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Madam Speaker, the implications of the Hon. Member's question, which are in effect that nothing has been done, are entirely inaccurate. Close to \$600 billion has been spent on training programs. Almost \$400 million has been spent on direct job creation. Something like \$136 million was spent on matching opportunities and training for jobs for young people. A great deal has been done. He could get a lot more done quickly if he would get the Crow through the House.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

APPOINTMENT OF NEWFOUNDLAND REPRESENTATIVE TO CABINET

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. Is it his intention to delay the appointment of a Newfoundland Minister and Minister of State for Mines until the charges now pending against the Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's have been finally disposed of by the courts?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Possibly, but not necessarily, Madam Speaker.

POSSIBLE REAPPOINTMENT OF FORMER MINISTER

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (Saskatoon West): Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister has bungled this appointment, caused great disappointment to the people of Newfoundland, and has left a

very important portfolio vacant while he muses about whether or not to make an appointment. I would like a clear answer as to whether it is now the Prime Minister's position that, if the Hon. Member for Burin-St. George's is successful in his defence of this particular charge, which we all hope he will be, he will be reappointed to the Cabinet in the position from which he resigned? Also has the Prime Minister any thoughts at all about the position he takes as Prime Minister of interfering with the judicial process, that is to say, giving clear signals to the prosecutors and judges that, if the Member for Burin-St. George's is successful in his defence, he will receive the reward of being reappointed to the Cabinet?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, on the first part of the question regarding portfolios, the Hon. Member will know that we already have an excellent Minister of Mines, Energy and Resources.

Mr. Hnatyshyn: Not in that order.

Mr. Trudeau: He is doing a very good job. I am not saying that assistance would not be welcome, but I am sure he can bear the burden for another few weeks or months according to what the Cabinet decides. So far as the second part of the question is concerned, if the Hon. Member is concerned about the judicial process in the sense that he indicates, he should rule himself out of order.

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AIR CANADA

GIMLI ACCIDENT—REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INQUIRY INTO SAFETY PROCEDURES

Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough): Madam Speaker, in what appears to be a sham and a cover-up, the President of Air Canada, Mr. Claude Taylor, has seriously, intentionally or otherwise, misled the Minister of Transport on matters relating to the safety procedures of Air Canada. In turn, the Minister, intentionally or otherwise, has misled the House and the Canadian people into believing that Air Canada is clear and free of any problems dealing with safety. We have learned just today that the Gimli incident was not—

● (1430)

Madam Speaker: Order, please. I wonder if the Hon. Member is aware that this is Question Period.

Mr. Domm: Madam Speaker, we have learned just today that the Gimli incident in which an airplane ran out of fuel was not discussed at the hearings on air safety conducted by Bob Buck. Would the Minister now call for a public inquiry without asking the Cabinet for permission? Will he demand a public inquiry into the safety of Air Canada, and not go by the word of the President of that Crown corporation?

Hon. Lloyd Axworthy (Minister of Transport): Madam Speaker, I think the Hon. Member is either unintentionally or deliberately misleading the Canadian public with the kind of