

Union leaders, representing as they do the best interests of the workers, are saying the following. Norm Cherry, President of Local 712, has said: "The deal looks promising".

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Mr. Jean-Luc Bélanger who works for Canadair says: "This indicates that we are going to stay here." I too have confidence in Bombardier. The sale of Toronto's de Havilland has created 700 jobs so far. The best employment security is a prosperous company. Let us put a stop to such nonsense and get down to work!

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HOUSING

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING—CALL FOR INCREASED FUNDING

Mr. Mike Cassidy (Ottawa Centre): Mr. Speaker, today more than 100,000 Canadians live in co-operative housing. Co-operatives have been particularly important in integrating low-income families, disabled people, ethnic and racial minorities and others into communities where they feel comfortable and safe.

Co-operative housing has proven to be reasonably priced and of good quality. That is why I am so upset and my Party is so concerned about the fact that the Conservative Government has abandoned the promise it made in the 1984 election campaign and in this session's Throne Speech with respect to co-operative housing.

After a lengthy period of discussions and bargaining between the federal Government and the co-operative housing movement, the expectations that were raised have been shattered. While between 1981 and 1985 an average of 5,500 units of co-operative housing were financed, that figure will be only 3,200 this year.

The co-ops have done their job. They have negotiated innovative new means of financing with the federal Government. The problems have been delays and over-regulation by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, and a lack of political will on the part of the Government. I call on the Government to honour its commitment to co-operative housing. The funding for this unique and important form of housing must be continued at a level that will ensure that Canadians of average incomes can truly have an alternative in housing, and live co-operatively in good communities.

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CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

OFFICE SKILLS TRAINING—OFFERS OF PERMANENT JOBS

Mr. Alan Redway (York East): Mr. Speaker, this past weekend I attended graduation ceremonies for some 26 young women who have received computer and office skills training at the Overland Learning Centre in my riding as part of the Government's Canadian Jobs Strategy program. This is the first graduating class. Another class with 32 students is now under way.

You will be as delighted as I was, Mr. Speaker, to learn that 80 per cent of the graduates have permanent jobs, or job offers. The success of this program is a refreshing change from the failure of the former Liberal Government's national institutional training program, a program which cost taxpayers almost \$1 billion, and trained the unemployed for jobs which already had a surplus of workers. Fortunately, the Progressive Conservative Government which was elected to make changes scrapped the old program and instituted the Canadian Jobs Strategy program, a program which does work.

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

MAIL INCORRECTLY ADDRESSED TO MR. HOPKINS

Mr. Len Hopkins (Renfrew—Nipissing—Pembroke): Mr. Speaker, recently I received a very pleasant message from the office of the Hon. Member for Parry Sound—Muskoka (Mr. Darling). It was indeed a revelation because it was addressed to the Hon. L. Hopkins, M.P., Minister of State for Youth. While I wish to thank the Hon. Member for Parry Sound—Muskoka for the confidence that he has displayed in me, I do wish to assure him and my many other friends on the government side of the House that I have not crossed the floor to join them.

I have never been the type of person who was willing to join a sinking ship with a captain who has no compass, no maps, no navigator, and hence no direction. I prefer to be on a ship with a smaller crew sailing through well charted waters, a Liberal ship whose captain is well qualified for the job. Our captain has a new compass called a mandate, which is only one week old, and a crew that is willing to take on any assignment. He is sailing through these turbulent waters under this Tory Government to a safe harbour called Victory '88, if you dare, or Victory '89, as you must