

the Members more time. I was asking for extended hours of debate. Extended hours is not time allocation.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): There is a difficulty in that if the Hon. Member for Provencher (Mr. Epp) provokes certain responses of that nature, then perhaps I have to recognize the Hon. Member to answer the provocation. I suggest that if the Hon. Member wants to get on with debate, that is the way to go.

Mr. Epp: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As always, your judgments are accepted by me. I am just appreciative of the Parliamentary Secretary trying to explain the unexplainable because he wanted the Bill dealt with in one evening. He did not give any time allocation. He simply said "Let's continue". That being the case, I would like to continue tomorrow. I therefore call it six o'clock.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): By far and away an excellent proposition.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Pinard: Mr. Speaker, I would like to designate Friday of this week as an Opposition Day.

• (1800)

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

LABOUR CONDITIONS—UNEMPLOYMENT IN BOW RIVER CONSTITUENCY—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS. (B) APPLICATION OF GRANT FORMULA

Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River): Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, October 11, I asked the Hon. Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) why the constituency of Bow River was only receiving \$100,000 from the Canada Works Program for 1983. I pointed out that in 1982, there were 685 people unemployed in the Bow River constituency and it received \$200,000. This year, 1983, there are 1,893 people unemployed in the Bow River constituency, three times the number of unemployed in 1982, and it is receiving only half the amount of money, or \$100,000.

I advised the Minister that it is an odd formula that provides that the higher the rate of unemployment, the lower the grant. The Minister then stated that the formula does bring forward, as he said, rather bizarre results. The Minister advised me that the formula was explained in a letter to me. All the letter said

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was that the total constituency allocation is now the sum of Canada Works grants and the Local Employment Assistance Development (LEAD) grants and that the basic allocation from Canada works is \$100,000. The LEAD allocation is nil unless there were more than 4,360 persons unemployed in Bow River. In other words, the Canadian Government thinks that having 4,360 persons unemployed is all right. Nothing is provided for Bow River constituency under the LEAD Program. The Canada Works Program grant is a minimum amount which is given to any constituency.

That is not a formula at all. It is a sleazy way of granting larger amounts of money to favoured constituencies and/or providing a Liberal slush fund for the next election. It reminds me of the time I was navigating airplanes in World War II. We used a formula to ascertain the exact position of our aircraft by transcribing through trigonometric tables the shots we took of the moon, certain stars and the sun. Some lazy would-be navigators cooked their shots at navigation school by using their location on the ground and working backwards to get the position of the moon or the star. Most of those people were washed out by the RCAF as they would be useless when they did not know where they were in the air and would therefore endanger the lives of the entire crew.

That is exactly what the Minister is doing. He is cooking the amounts of public money in order to favour Liberal ridings. I suggest that by doing this dirty work behind the scenes, he is endangering the political lives of his comrades and betraying the unemployed, particularly the women, the natives and the disabled, that the program is designed to help. If the Minister disputes my statement, let him make public the amounts allocated under this program to all constituencies in Canada. I dare him to do so.

Let us look at what happened in 1982 when there were 685 people unemployed in the riding of Bow River and it received a grant of \$200,000. Here are the results. There were 21 applications from Bow River which, if all had been approved, would have created 153 jobs at a cost of \$1,500,000. This would have created 5,555 work weeks of employment. However, we only received \$282,806 and so there were only five applications which, if all had been approved, would have created 25 jobs or 909 work weeks of employment. I should note that the amount of \$82,806 was given to Bow River by a Calgary riding. If that money had not been received, the picture would have been different as only three applications would have been approved, creating some 13 jobs. The five applications approved included a Sarcee people's museum, a Shilo Wilderness Ranch at Priddis, the Drumheller Chamber of Commerce project, the East Coulee Community Association project and the Village of Beiseker project.

Equally good projects were submitted by Big Country Educational Consortium, the Sarcee Seven Chiefs Sportex, the Sarcee Band Administration, the Sarcee Old Agency Lodge, the Banff Library, the Banff Community Skills Bank, the Canmore Any-Space Theatre Company, the Blackfoot Band Housing Society, the Society for the Handicapped in Airdrie, Airdrie T.I.B.S., the Airdrie Campsite Development, Airdrie in