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million will go to the Conception Bay South Arterial, which, if I am not mistaken, is in the riding of the Hon. Member for St. John's East. I see him nodding his head in the affirmative, and I am sure that he is very pleased with that initiative.

I would like to make another point because I feel that it is good to kill two birds with one stone when one is allotted so little time to speak. I believe I have a moment or so left, Mr. Speaker. The Hon. Member for Dartmouth-Halifax East indicated that the Government was neglecting such things as strengthening the transportation system, and he referred specifically to highways. I can refer to two major highway projects, the one in Newfoundland that I just referred to, and Route 11 in New Brunswick, a second major highway initiative. I would point out that I am looking at a headline from the St. John's *Daily News*, May 13, 1983, which reads:

Peckford and Rompkey together: SWEETNESS, LIGHT AND \$45M. FOR ROADS!

This again is an example of the Province and the federal Government successfully coming together and financing a very important infrastructure project in that Province.

I can only conclude, Mr. Speaker, that the Hon. Member for Dartmouth-Halifax East is disappointed that there were perhaps no specific projects allotted to his own riding. I am sure that many of us would share that disappointment. None of these projects, I might add, have been allocated to my riding of Saint-Henri-Westmount. I am sure that there are many Members from both sides of the House who have not had any of these Special Recovery Capital Projects allotted to their particular ridings, but that is not to say that other projects will not be of substantial benefit to their ridings because, I would suggest, any project which is good for Nova Scotia is good for Dartmouth-Halifax East. I am sure that my friends from the other side of the House would agree with me.

**Mr. Forrestall:** Mr. Speaker, I invite the distinguished Minister to rise in his place and read us a complete list of the small craft harbour projects in the four Atlantic Provinces and in eastern Quebec. He could table the list if it is too large for him to deal with. I wonder if the Minister would entertain that request.

**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Speaker, I would be quite happy to entertain that request when all the projects are announced. In fact, it is my intention to ensure that all projects are brought to the attention of all Members of the House. It would be difficult for me to enumerate them at the moment. I am not sure if in fact they have all been announced. I mentioned that some projects were announced today for the South Shore riding of Nova Scotia. I assure you, Mr. Speaker, that that had nothing to do with my speaking on the subject today. I did not know until last night that I would be doing so.

I have no objection to complying with the Hon. Member's request. If the inference that I am to draw from it is that in eastern Quebec, all the small craft harbour projects are in Liberal constituencies, I would have to agree with that.

**Mr. Skelly:** Mr. Speaker, I too direct a question to the Minister on the subject of small craft harbours. One of the major problems that appears to exist with this project is that no priority list has ever been published of those harbours which should be developed. When an area finds out that it is to receive funds for small craft harbour project, that news suddenly bounds out of the blue when a Cabinet Minister announces it. But there does not appear to be any indication of what harbours are going to be developed and what is the priority listing of the many, many harbours that require federal assistance.

If the Minister is prepared to accommodate the request of the Hon. Member for Dartmouth-Halifax East (Mr. Forrestall), I wonder if he in fact would be prepared to provide a complete list of harbours which require major renovations costing \$0.5 million and up, and what the Government's priority list would be for some of those harbours so that the people who are depending on them can do some economic planning and development in relation to it?

**Mr. Johnston:** Mr. Speaker, as I said, I have overall responsibility for the implementation of this Special Recovery Capital Projects Program. That does not mean that I have any responsibility other than as a Minister chairing the committee for selection of projects. As the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) indicated on the night of the budget, these projects had already been chosen. I should say that there have to be feasibility studies associated with some, so there may have been some changes since. But effectively the projects were chosen on the basis of the Departments' priorities, what the Departments brought forward.

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The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is responsible for small craft harbour projects. I am not in a position today to provide a prioritization of that Department. I think the question should be more properly put to the responsible Minister when he is in the House. Since small craft harbours have been chosen for this particular program, it is my responsibility to ensure that they move forward quickly and efficiently, and that they are brought in on time and within budget.

I am pleased the Hon. Member for Comox-Powell River (Mr. Skelly) rises on this particular point. When we talk about partisan advantage, there is work being done on a small craft harbour on the West Coast. It is perfectly evident, quite unfortunately, that that work is not being done in ridings which are occupied by Liberal Members of Parliament.

**Mr. McCain:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Minister a question. Since he mentioned small craft harbours and since the item is now under his attention, would he consider the representations which were made by the former Liberal candidate at the provincial level who is now a member of the town council of St. Andrews respecting the small craft harbour requirement there both for fisheries and the tourist business? Would he also consider the application of the mayor of the town of St. George, who aspired to a provincial Liberal