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Second, Aqua Parc at La Ronde is a company that would have created jobs anyway, without Government assistance. It is not because of any disagreement between the officer and myself. We provided assistance to this company. But what I would like to know is about the "godfathers" in this party. We had a "godfather" who took care of another region. Which "godfather" recommended allocating \$22,000 in extra funding? And I wish the Conservative Members would explain why being in charge of a pump or a pool at Aqua Parc is more interesting than working at Notre-Dame Hospital helping patients. Why did the Minister prefer that? Why did the Minister prefer, without consultations—and I have the impression that Conservative Members were personally involved in other ridings as in other sectors—why did she give preference to someone who will be responsible for security or sell hot dogs at La Ronde instead of giving this to a home for the handicapped, Lucie-Bruno, or rather to the FTQ which applied for research grants? Why? And I am talking about my own riding only, for I am sure that if we dig a little deeper we will find the truth, just as we found the truth today, and the Minister of State (Small Businesses) will realize that in the case of Mr. Saunders. I am convinced that the truth about this will come out sooner or later. I think the Minister would be well advised to set the record straight at the earliest opportunity before looking even worse than she does now.

This is not the first time, Mr. Speaker, and when I see the Minister giving the example of a mother who retrained through this project, I have to say that this program has been in existence for 10 or 12 years and has helped people gain practical experience. The Minister did not invent anything, Mr. Speaker.

An Hon. Member: Neither did you.

Mr. Malépart: Mr. Speaker, it is due to the whole community, not to the lesser Minister of State (Small Businesses) who has not invented anything either, he is not even allowed to respond and all he ever does is carry suitcases. But that is something else, I am not talking about the handicapped.

Mr. Speaker, I think the Conservative Members should wake up, for some of the decisions made by the Government are unacceptable although I have nothing against the private sector. Perhaps in the riding of Dollard it would have been better to award 60 per cent of the projects to the private sector if they were to create good jobs. It is unthinkable that people should have been forced to accept 40 per cent of projects in funeral parlors in my riding. These jobs will be created in barbecue restaurants, and this is what you call promising jobs! Yet, there are specialized jobs in the community sector for the Quebec Cancer Society, in the important area of research, which the Government has refused to finance.

Mr. Speaker, I suggest that Hon. Members should think this thing over. There is in my own riding the Quebec association of retirees and pre-retirees which is fighting for the people who have been arbitrarily denied unemployment insurance eligibility; this association too was in need of young university

students to do some researching in the area of guaranteed minimum income computation. It saw its funding cut and its money go to the private sector at the Aqua Park level. Someone will try to convince me that an employee who digs holes for Gaz Métropolitain is more important than an employee who will carry out scientific research for a non-profit organization.

The program is there to train and help train young people, all young people without distinction. We have young people by the hundreds who are learning the techniques of organized recreational activities. They are excluded because of the conservative caucus which has decided to fund only profiteers. We have also young people studying the social sciences who are excluded because of the Conservative party which is looking after its friends. There are in my own riding thousands upon thousands of young men and women getting trained in hairdressing, upholstering, cabinetmaking, bookbinding, etc. Every year, the Montreal Catholic School Board, the people in charge of the polyvalent school, the parents' committee made it possible for young graduates to gain practical experience in their own trades. This year, fewer young people will benefit from such training because the Conservative Government has decided to help instead its friends in the private sector to hire people who will serve hot dogs, sell tickets and act as security guards.

Mr. Speaker, in the past, every Member of Parliament had a say in the selection of projects for his constituency.

Some Hon. Members: Ah, ah!

Mr. Malépart: The Minister has just said so. Every Member had a say. When I see... Mr. Speaker, the Conservative dummies are waking up! Ah, ah! The Minister has just said that every Member had some input. I understand why the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDnald) cannot trust the 58 Conservative Members from Quebec in view of everything that has happened. I understand why the Minister of Employment and Immigration cannot trust her colleagues. We have seen in the past that she cannot even trust them to select community projects because she does not know what will happen next.

Who pays for all the mistakes and blunders made by the Conservative Government? Our young people do! Our young people attending university to study various subjects, such as recreational activities, social animation and health services. These people are left out because this Government has decided to help its friends in the private sector.

Many young people are being penalized because of the incompetence and lack of direction of this Government. It is all very well for the Minister to make speeches. She was well known as a soap star when she played the role of Donalda in *Séraphin*, but her role here is worthless. Her only duty to young Canadians is to cut ribbons, and even this she does badly.