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Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): That understanding is correct, Madam Speaker.

PROPOSALS TO AID GENEVA TALKS ON DISARMAMENT

Mr. Douglas Roche (Edmonton South): Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. On Monday the Secretary of State for External Affairs, commenting on the forthcoming visit of Vice-President Bush, said that the Canadian Government would be putting its views forward on various proposals with respect to the Geneva negotiations.

May I ask the Prime Minister what proposals the Canadian Government advanced with Vice-President Bush yesterday that would make a significant contribution to solving the dilemma of the Geneva negotiations, so that true progress can be made on mutual balanced and verifiable nuclear disarmament in the world?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Madam Speaker, essentially the Ministers and I made two proposals. They were both stated publicly in my toast to Vice-President Bush last night. I summed up the second proposal in my answer to the Hon. Member for Vancouver-Kingsway—

Miss Jewett: I have a new riding now.

Mr. Trudeau: Vancouver-New Westminster—

An Hon. Member: That is close.

Mr. Trudeau: Somewhere in British Columbia, Madam Speaker—the other side of the mountains that those people do not climb enough.

Madam Speaker: It is New Westminster-Coquitlam. I have some sympathy with the Right Hon. Prime Minister.

Mr. Beatty: I don't.

Mr. Trudeau: The thrust of the proposals has to do with something I said in the House the day before yesterday in answer to a member of the Opposition, to wit, that we thought the zero-zero option was the ideal option, one which would certainly be better if there were no Euro-missiles at all in Europe, but that we were not certain it was a realizable goal, and that we were urging the United States to look at compromise or intermediate solutions. That is the essence of the message we gave to Vice-President Bush.

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INDUSTRY

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM—ELIGIBILITY OF SERVICE INDUSTRIES

Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth): Madam Speaker, may I put a question to the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He will not be surprised to know that I want to raise with him the issue of the Maislin trucking bailout, a company that has

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been the beneficiary of \$34 million of taxpayers' money that was pledged against its indebtedness.

Last summer the Minister's predecessor, in response to questions from Members of the Opposition and, indeed, from Government backbenchers, said on August 30 that if people came forward with applications and made their case on the merits, they would certainly be considered. Last week, on March 18, the Minister said, as reported at page 23908 of *Hansard*:

As funds were limited at that time we made the decision not to proceed with service sector applications.

Am I correct in understanding that the only service industry, trucking or otherwise, that will be the beneficiary of government largesse will be Maislin Trucking, under the Enterprise Development Program?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, to my knowledge that is the only company under the ED Program, but there could be some, for example, in the tourist industry under different programs. I will get back to the Hon. Member with a specific response to his question.

MAISLIN COMPANY APPLICATION

Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth): Madam Speaker, I hope I do not accuse the Minister's predecessor wrongly, but he referred to the merits of the application. As the Minister well knows, dozens of applications have come to his Department from service industries, including the trucking industry and others, under the Enterprise Development Program. No matter what the legitimate merits of the applications are from these service industries, are we to understand that the only successful applicant over the last year has been Maislin Trucking?

Hon. Ed Lumley (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce and Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, my predecessor, in an effort to assist a number of companies that came before the Government at the time, made a very sincere effort to look at those applications. Unfortunately, there was also a substantial increase in demand from companies in the manufacturing and processing sectors which the program was originally designed to assist. Because of the fiscal restraint that we were under, plus the increased number of applications subsequent to my predecessor's willingness to consider service sector applications it was decided that it was more appropriate to handle the manufacturing and processing applications first. They obviously had the priority as the program was designed for these sectors.

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Hon. Bill Jarvis (Perth): Madam Speaker, just so that we can be absolutely clear, may I ask the Minister whether the only service industry that would qualify with any optimism, or