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point of view, I would like to raise with the Government and with Hon. Members of the House of Commons—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to inform the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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NATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM

CALL FOR DEREGULATION OF OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South): Mr. Speaker, since 1980 the oil and gas industry has been unable to make its full contribution to the Canadian economy. Declining investment in oil and gas activity has had a direct impact on Canadian energy, security, and employment levels.

Current pricing and fiscal policies have left the industry with inadequate returns. Incentive grants provided by the previous Government to encourage exploration in frontier areas introduced a bias and inefficiency to the exploration and development of Canada's energy resources.

Let us reward success rather than activity. This industry does not want special treatment. This industry wants the same treatment as other industries in Canada. It needs deregulation, a fair tax system, and the immediate removal of the 25 per cent back-in.

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MARINE TRANSPORT

ANNOUNCED INCREASE IN FERRY FARES

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, cuts in the operating costs of CN ferry boats servicing Newfoundland as announced by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) have caused CN Marine to announce a 15 per cent increase in rates charged for the Gulf ferry run. That means that, for a car and one adult, the fare to be charged on the North Sydney to Argentia run will jump to over \$100 one way. This is the fare charged to get from one province to another.

The savings in coastal boat services included in a \$16.1 million savings package announced by the Minister of Finance has caused a decision to be made to reduce the coastal boat service to Newfoundland and Labrador. The Government, on the one hand, is penalizing persons who wish to travel to and from Newfoundland but, on the other hand, a reduction of coastal boat service and an increase in rates can only be viewed as outrageous since this is the only method of transportation to and from some coastal communities.

To add insult to injury, the Premier of Newfoundland announced that he has to travel to Ottawa to find out what is going on. So much for co-operative federalism. Only co-operative Toryism has saved the Government from the total repudiation by the Premier of Newfoundland that it so justly deserves because of its post-election actions. I hope that the

Premier's knee-jerk obedience to his Tory superiors in Ottawa will soon end.

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YOUTH

RESTORATION OF CUTS IN STUDENT LOANS PROGRAM URGED

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, I read yesterday's speech by the Hon. Secretary of State for Youth (Mrs. Champagne) with great interest, and I congratulate her on her speech as well as on her important appointment. Clearly both of us are assigned to youth because we have each drunk at the fountain thereof.

I note that the Hon. Secretary of State has promised to be a spokesperson for young people. She has further stated that she believes "every youth must have all opportunities to fully develop his own potential, whether rich or poor, male or female, native or immigrant and so on". She appears therefore to recognize what her colleagues in the Cabinet do not, and that is that prosperity cannot be achieved without social justice. They are inseparable.

Therefore, I look forward to working with the Hon. Secretary of State as we speak for those represented on the Hill today, and youth generally, in urging the Government to act to obtain assured and adequate levels of funding for post-secondary education from both the federal and provincial Governments through the Established Programs Financing Act, rather than consultation to cut funding. We must ensure that federal student aid is adequate, that it encourages part-time studies, and that it helps overcome the particular barriers faced by the poor, by women, and by minorities. That will discourage the provinces from cutting their aid programs as B.C. has done. I hope, as well, that the Hon. Minister will speak for youth in fighting to have the cuts from the Canada Student Loans Program and Summer Canada restored.

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PROSTITUTION

SPEEDY INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE CHANGES SOUGHT

Mr. Rob Nicholson (Niagara Falls): Mr. Speaker, I would like to raise a matter of concern to the people of Niagara Falls and one that I believe is also of concern to the people of Canada. I am referring to the subject of soliciting for the purposes of prostitution. The former Minister of Justice indicated that soliciting was not a national problem, but I can assure this House that it is a persistent and pressing problem to the people of Niagara Falls as well as to those of many other municipalities across the country.

Since the 1978 Supreme Court of Canada ruling, many municipalities have tried to deal with this problem but have had limited success because the previous Government failed, or refused, to act. I have already been requested by the downtown Board of Management for the City of Niagara Falls, and