

Adjournment Debate

Interest in the Program is steadily increasing now that the normal growing pains and birth pains of the Program are over. The Government has recently acted in a number of ways to increase the effectiveness of the Program. For example, we have recently taken action in co-operation with CEIC to accelerate payment to the workers.

The Canadian Forestry Service has also increased its level of contributions to overhead costs which has allayed some particular concerns of potential project sponsors in British Columbia. We are working in co-operation with the majority of unions and with the Workmen's Compensation Board, to achieve the best possible success for the Program. Productivity on Section 38 Projects is very high, and we are satisfied that the Projects provide high quality forest management work in British Columbia.

In addition to the very successful Programs carried out under Section 38 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, the Minister of the Environment (Mr. Roberts), along with the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Axworthy), is promoting new programs that will allow the participation of unemployment insurance exhaustees, and will provide for useful forestry work. I will mention here the Canadian Employment and Immigration Commission's new NEED Program, the New Employment Expansion and Development

Program, to which the Hon. Member referred, and the extension of the Canada Community Development Program, CCDP, which will support local organizations in the development and management of short-term employment opportunities for unemployment insurance exhaustees. As well, the Canadian Forestry Service is looking into new programs that will ensure long-term employment in the forestry sector.

The Hon. Member inquired about new policies regarding employment and forest development to meet Canada's wood supply needs and to ensure market expansion. On September 2, the Minister announced a policy for forest renewal which provides an assessment of forestry expenditures and responsibilities and emphasizes the need for renewal in order to meet future timber production goals. I see, Mr. Speaker, that I must now conclude.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): I am sorry, I must interrupt, but, as the Parliamentary Secretary is aware, the rules for the late show are rather rigid.

The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 11 a.m.

At 6.30 p.m. the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.
