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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

TREATMENT OF CONVICT DURING COURT PROCEEDINGS

Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, it is becoming clear that our criminal justice system is on the verge of disaster. Last week in Toronto a convicted criminal who is serving a four-year penitentiary sentence for bombing his own disco was back in court to face additional federal charges of fraud. While he waited for his preliminary hearing he was allowed to roam freely because of a court order which allowed him to pay the cost of being driven by sheriff's officers each day between Beaver Creek and Toronto.

Does this mean that we have two classes of criminals, that those who can afford to pay can buy special treatment? All prisoners in his predicament are confined to the Don Jail for the duration of preliminary hearings. If the individual feared for his life, protective custody should have been implemented.

One cannot help but be amazed that this individual, a convicted bomber, was within three months transferred from Millhaven, a maximum security penitentiary, to Beaver Creek, which is known as the Muskoka Hilton. I urge the Government and the judiciary to extend no special treatment to those who break society's rules by committing criminal acts.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS IN VARIOUS REGIONS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, yesterday's do-nothing Budget was a cold, cynical betrayal of the hundreds of thousands of Canadians who are unemployed and under-employed.

Wake up, Mr. Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson), and recognize the tragedy existing on Vancouver Island with 15 per cent unemployed, in the B.C. interior with 16 per cent unemployed, southern British Columbia with 20 per cent unemployed, the Kootenay region of B.C. with 17 per cent unemployed, northern B.C. with 13 per cent unemployed, western Alberta with 13 per cent unemployed, northern Alberta with 13 per cent unemployed, northern Ontario with 15 per cent unemployed, northern Quebec with 15 per cent unemployed, southeast Quebec with 15 per cent unemployed, the Gaspé with 23 per cent unemployed, Labrador with 27 per cent unemployed, Cape Breton with 23 per cent unemployed, New Brunswick with 14 per cent unemployed, Nova Scotia with 15 per cent unemployed, Prince Edward Island with 17 per cent unemployed, western Newfoundland with 27 per cent unemployed, northern Newfoundland with 26 per cent unemployed, southern Newfoundland with 25 per cent unemployed, the south shore of Quebec with 15 per cent unemployed, the north shore of Quebec with 14 per cent unemployed, northern Nova Scotia with 20 per cent unemployed, southern Nova Scotia with 16 per cent unemployed,

and Brant County with 10 per cent unemployed, et cetera, et cetera.

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EQUALIZATION PAYMENTS

REQUEST THAT QUEBEC RECEIVE MORE MONEY

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Quebec Government, through its Minister of Finance, Mr. Gérard D. Lévesque, announced it was very disappointed in the Budget brought down by the federal Minister of Finance, and especially in the lack of any statement about refunds in terms of federal tax transfers and equalization payments.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all Members of this House and especially the Conservative Members from Quebec to put pressure on the Minister of Finance and the Prime Minister, in order to ensure that the province of Quebec is given a fair deal in the equalization dossier and that the federal Government refunds as soon as possible the amounts being claimed by the Quebec Minister of Finance.

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REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CALL FOR CHANGE IN ECONOMIC POLICIES

Mr. Dave Dingwall (Cape Breton—East Richmond): Mr. Speaker, Canadians in this region are both disappointed and outraged at the failure of the Government to take concrete and specific actions with regard to rectifying the regional inequalities in the country. "Wealth not evenly spread" says Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney); "Programs to reflect regional need", said the Prime Minister in August; and "East Coast, West to get special aid" said the Prime Minister. Then in his great Throne Speech, the Prime Minister says: "regional disparity remains an unacceptable reality of Canadian life".

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I call upon the Government to stop talking through both sides of its mouth and to provide some economic aid to those poor regions of this country. You have \$5.8 billion from the regional economic development envelope. You have added \$5 billion in excess taxes to Canadians. I call upon the Prime Minister—

Mr. Speaker: Order. I want to remind all Hon. Members that in this Chamber we do not say "you" when addressing questions to the Government or when the Government is