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However, in answer to the Hon. Member's question, why should scarce public funds be diverted from the community sector that takes care of the aged, disadvantaged children, the handicapped, the retarded and others, to be given to these free enterprise businesses which did not need this money in the past to hire students? In any case, the jobs are not very career related. Some private sector jobs, such as ones for engineering and accounting, are very career related, but I do not see how laying sod, selling drugs over the counter and so on is very career related.

The Government would at least be honest if it said it merely wanted to create summer employment, no matter what it was. However, it is hypocritical when it claims to support career related projects and then funds jobs like that in the private sector.

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**Mr. Lopez:** Mr. Speaker, I fail to understand why the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East (Mr. Allmand) is wasting so much energy criticizing the Government. When the Hon. Member was in power, he worked very hard at doing nothing.

Everybody in this country knows that youth unemployment has gone down since the Progressive Conservative Party came to power. And it could go down even more, if we could spend the time of the House on being more constructive. If the time he spent criticizing had been used to propose valid arguments and new ideas to create more jobs, that would have been far more constructive.

We are not satisfied, because we still have unemployment among our young people. Our goal is to get rid of youth unemployment altogether. However, we are realistic and we realize there is a lot less unemployment than there was in the Hon. Member's time. I think we are on the right track. What we need now is for everybody to be realistic. We must all work together and work toward the same goals instead of indulging in negative criticism. And if he can't think of anything else, after so many years' experience in Parliament, if that is all they have learned, I am really disappointed in his performance. I have been a Member of the House for only a year and a half, but I think my attitude is a lot more constructive.

And I would urge you to do likewise.

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**Mr. Allmand:** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member's question indicates how much out of touch he is with what is going on in this country. I challenge him to come with me and meet the people I have met in different cities of Canada. They are the ones who are complaining, and I am simply here to put on the floor of the House their complaints. The other day I met with a coalition of groups from Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg and Vancouver representing hundreds of organizations which were being cut back. They were complaining. When the Hon. Member for Windsor—Walkerville (Mr.

McCurdy) and I bring this up in the House, we are doing so on behalf of those people.

Some of those people saw the Minister of State for Youth (Mrs. Champagne) and the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) in their offices on Monday morning, but received no positive response whatsoever. The Hon. Member fails to even understand the nature of this Parliament. It is our job in the Opposition to criticize programs when they are inadequate, when they are a step backwards rather than a step forward. The Challenge '86 Program this year is a step backward from what the Government did last year. We on this side of the House will continue to criticize on behalf of those young people and those service groups from all over the country who come to see us in our offices and write us letters, because we represent them, not big business.

**Mr. Warner:** Mr. Speaker, I would like to point out that in Challenge '85 we created a record number of jobs in my riding of Stormont—Dundas, and indications this year are that we will create an even larger number of jobs in our area.

I would like to point out that where these jobs are, and where these jobs are going to be over the next few years, is in the expanding sector of our economy. Surely both the NDP and the Liberal Party realize that the private sector is where most of the new jobs will be created. If we are going to have career-related training, surely it is going to tend more towards the private sector than the public sector.

I would also suggest that as prosperity increases the voluntary sector may be a little stronger and have more resources than they had in previous years. We might see the voluntary sector responding to some of the areas where the Hon. Member is suggesting we are not funding as we funded before.

In my riding we had a tremendous amount of over-subscription and a lot of very good projects had to be turned down. But I also know that this year we will create a record number of jobs for students, not just funded by Government. We are going to have less Government and we will have a stronger private sector.

**Mr. Allmand:** Mr. Speaker, in response to the Hon. Member's question, of course there were probably more jobs created under the program in his area last year than previously. That is easy to do when we take a great percentage of the money and give it to the private sector where we only have to pay for 50 per cent of the jobs, whereas in the voluntary sector we had to pay 100 per cent. It does not take a lot of imagination or intelligence to know that if one takes \$100 and gives it to the voluntary sector it will only produce 100 jobs, but if one gives it to the business sector it will produce 200 jobs. That is simple. That is what is being done.

**An Hon. Member:** What is wrong with that?