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ment that was put out by the department of information, and I am glad to see the minister of that department present. I went to a picture-show the other evening and heard him make a speech. This advertisement was sponsored by the Canadian Advertising Association and says that Canada stands together, that we understand together. I ask, are we really understanding one another when the whole country is torn asunder by Bill C-176? This advertisement states that had Canada not been faced with so vast a geography and an arc of people along its southern regions—

**Mr. Stanbury:** Mr. Speaker, would the hon. member permit a question? Would he be kind enough to identify what it is he is reading? And if it is valuable enough to quote from, perhaps he would table it.

**Mr. Horner:** Mr. Speaker, I would be glad to table it, but I may never get another copy. Let me continue to read it. It says that the problem might have been different—

**Mr. Stanbury:** Identify it.

**Mr. Horner:** All hon. members can see it. It is an advertisement put out by Information Canada.

**Mr. Stanbury:** No, it is not.

**Mr. Horner:** The minister shakes his head and says no. If he does not know about it, why is the stamp of his department on it and why did I receive it from his department. Let me just continue for a moment, Mr. Speaker, so I can finish this point.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please.

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 40 deemed to have been moved.

**UNEMPLOYMENT—PLANS FOR PROVISION OF SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS**

**Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North):** Mr. Speaker, on February 5 I asked the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) whether in light of statements made by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration (Mr. Lang) and the Canadian Student Liberals about the deepening unemployment crisis, the government would inform the House if plans were being evolved to provide work for the large number of students who would be entering the job market from universities and high schools this summer. The Prime Minister replied that the government was working on plans for student employment this summer. Since asking that question last February we have had statements made by a battery of ministers—by the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier), who is co-ordinating the program; I think by the Minister of Labour (Mr. Mackasey) and by the Minister of Manpower and Immigration—about a whole series of government programs.

[Mr. Horner.]

• (10:00 p.m.)

We have the Opportunities for Youth program which calls for student employment. We have travel programs, including the student exchange program, with foreign countries and we have the hostel programs for students who will travel across the country. Those programs accomplish too little and have come too late. Programs were announced less than one month before university students finish their courses and start looking for work. They were put forward in a manner which can only cause confusion and difficulty. Students and other voluntary organizations were invited to submit proposals for new and imaginative programs. The criteria under which programs are to be selected are, to say the least, unclear.

In the last two days I have received letters from responsible organizations in Winnipeg, some of which expressed knowledge of what the government would bring forward. They contained details of constructive programs suggested for employing young people. These people as yet have no knowledge whether their programs will be approved or accepted. From the tenor of the questions they have asked, I conclude they are doubtful that approval will be given by the government departments responsible in this area.

When the program was announced I suggested there would not be time to evaluate the many proposals which might come forward in order that the best could be accepted. The Secretary of State has said that only \$57 million has been allocated for youth employment programs. In fact, if all the programs which have been suggested to his department were accepted the government would have to provide \$150 million to finance them. As I said, the program was announced in such a way there will not be time to pick and choose the best suggestions, although the situation is even more serious than it was last year.

There were about 450,000 university and high school students looking for work last summer. I am speaking from memory but I think about 90 per cent of them obtained work. That sounds like a very impressive figure, but when one analyses the actual results he finds that only 50 per cent of the students looking for work obtained work for more than half the period they were available.

A university student who finishes his course at the end of April and does not go back until the latter part of September, unless he has pretty substantial financial support from home requires work for the bulk of the summer months. Last year only half of the students obtained work for more than 50 per cent of the time they were available. This is a disaster for young people who want to continue their studies. The government, the Department of Manpower, the universities, junior colleges and technical schools have been telling young people they ought to continue their studies as long as possible. In recent years the people who have been unemployed for the longest period of time, and most frequently, are unskilled, uneducated and untrained.

But it is precisely these young people who are finding most difficulty in getting work. It is precisely these young