

Hon. Walter McLean (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, I am interested to hear from the Hon. Member that this appointment has in fact been made. To my knowledge the nomination was proposed, but it was not completed. If the Hon. Member wishes to check with my officials he will find that that appointment has in fact not been made.

Mr. Boudria: Helga was not paid.

Mr. Broadbent: What happened? Who goofed? Has she a Liberal cousin or something?

Mr. Speaker: Order. Question please.

Mr. de Corneille: The good Tory shepherd knows his good Tory sheep and is owned by them.

APPOINTMENT OF JUDGE HELEN GILLIS

Mr. Roland de Corneille (Eglinton-Lawrence): Mr. Speaker, last summer the Prime Minister, referring to federal appointments, stated that the overriding criteria would be "competence and a willingness to serve Canada". Therefore, why did the Secretary of State appoint still another Tory citizen court judge, Helen Gillis, a past president of the provincial Tory Party and a Tory candidate in the last provincial election? Does he think that serving Canada means serving the Tory Party first?

Hon. Walter McLean (Secretary of State): Mr. Speaker, if leadership in the United Appeal of Halifax, leadership in the Pan American Wheelchair Games, leadership in the St. Agnes Parish Council, and leadership in the industrial and trade development of Halifax are to be held against a person, I do not then know what is the dimension of citizenship.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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EMPLOYMENT

CHALLENGE '85—PRIVATE SECTOR JOB CREATION

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. Challenge '85 was announced as a program which would focus primarily on private enterprise for the creation of career-oriented summer jobs. However, our research indicates that most career-oriented jobs were created, not by business, but by non profit organizations. Will the Minister table a report in the House on the number of jobs created by private industry, and the proportion of these which were career oriented as compared to those in government and non profit employment?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I will be delighted to give all the details on this program when the applications have been finally processed. The Member has been attacking the program from

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the outset, so I know that he will be disappointed to hear that over 100,000 job offers have now been received for young people for this summer.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Miss MacDonald: Some 30,000 of those, Mr. Speaker, have been filed by the private sector. That brings an additional \$50 million to the program.

CAREER RELATED JOBS

Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville): Mr. Speaker, the Minister insists on denying the fact that a half-baked program was announced late. After disparaging such jobs when they were funded by Summer Canada, can the Minister explain what kind of assessment of career orientation has led jobs such as lawn cutting and ice cream cone making to typify private enterprise jobs more than they do non profit jobs?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, 55 per cent of the job offers this summer are career related. This did not happen last year. That did not give young people an opportunity to gain a learning experience which will contribute to their development as they return to school. The balance of the jobs are indeed work experiences in other fields. The training component refers to 55 per cent of the job offers. That is a big improvement.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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PUBLIC WORKS

OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Public Works. Keeping budgetary constraints in mind, can the Minister tell the House how much money Canadians will have to spend for renovating the residence of the Leader of the Official Opposition, not to mention the fact that he now lives in the residence of the Speaker of the House of Commons, which is an additional financial burden on Canadians?

Hon. Roch La Salle (Minister of Public Works): According to our information, Mr. Speaker, \$500,000 have been spent on the residence of Leaders of the Opposition since 1976. I have also been advised that the committee responsible for official residences has completed its report. In light of that report on the future of our official residences—a report I have yet to see—I may be in a position to provide more figures.