

The Address—Mr. Bradley

programs. The skeleton is there but there is very little flesh on the skeleton.

I have looked for measures that will help us in Haldimand-Norfolk. I see reference to Canada's role in seeking world peace and I applaud the Prime Minister's (Mr. Trudeau) actions. I respect his actions which demonstrate obvious concern. We all want peace.

Countless Canadians gave their lives so we could have peace. Because of those who died to preserve peace, I was allowed to serve my country in the Armed Forces for 18 years without having to fire a shot in anger. I want peace. I am sure the Chief of Staff of Canada's Armed Forces wants peace.

I would rather that we did not have to test the Cruise Missile in Canada, but I honour our commitment to our NATO allies. I would prefer if the Cruise and Pershing II missiles did not have to be deployed, but I recognize the need to negotiate from strength. I support the Prime Minister's actions in this area of peace. Actually, it is nice to be able to agree with him, but I hope he still maintains that disarmament must be bilateral and mutually verifiable.

I also support the Throne Speech policy that Canada continue to fulfill its obligation to NATO. I would also like to see mention made of steps being taken to return our forces to more distinct uniforms along with other confidence building measures. Let us return pride and respect to our forces.

I see reference in the Throne Speech to direct action to create jobs. It also states that "a large portion of the government's job-creation expenditure will be devoted to unemployed youth". The Government also stated in the Throne Speech that, "Using reallocated and new resources a \$1 billion Youth Opportunity Fund will assist young Canadians in acquiring new skills and finding jobs in the private, voluntary and public sectors". It also stated that a Minister of State for Youth will be appointed.

I applaud the appointment of a Minister responsible for youth. I do so because youth unemployment has increased from 13.6 per cent in 1980 to 18.5 per cent. I do so because there are 313,000 fewer young Canadians working today than in 1980 and because current unemployment among youth stands at more than 534,000.

However, the youth opportunity fund of \$1 billion is another slice of pie. The smoke and mirrors are back. Of the \$1 billion, some \$750 million is committed to existing programs already under way. They are going to be shifted, dusted off and renamed. In reality there will only be some \$250 million of new money, slightly more than the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) added to his budget with a stroke of a pen when the famous leak occurred. The facts, Mr. Speaker, are that on April 19, 1983, the then Minister of Employment announced in a press release that the Government would spend \$1.123 billion on youth job-creation this year, that is, 1983-1984. So what is this \$1 billion program? Nothing new and \$123 million short. We just heard of new programs announced by the Minister of State for Youth (Mrs. Hervieux-Payette). I applaud those announcements. We will be waiting anxiously

for the details to see where that \$1.123 billion on youth job-creation is put.

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Why do we not create a worthwhile and realistic Armed Forces youth program? Why not take our youth into our Armed Forces voluntarily for a period of 18 months to two years? Why not give our youth basic military training and give them a trade, teach them a trade that has been designated by Departments and by the private sector? Our young people could sign on for three to five years in our reserves to accomplish that. Then we could increase our reserves, supply employment for our youth, increase our NATO responsibilities and commitments and provide the skills and trades necessary in this country. We have committees that have decided such a move in necessary, both in the House and in the Senate. As far as Canada's reserves are concerned, let us support them.

There is a reference in the Throne Speech to small business, Mr. Speaker. It reads:

Small scale entrepreneurs are the unsung heroes of the recovery. Small businesses are a perpetual source of inventiveness, valuable export earnings, and vast job-creation potential. To assist this sector, an expanded Shop Canadian program will be launched. Access to federal programs for small businesses will be improved using the Federal Business Development Bank for delivery.

Sounds good, or does it? No one will doubt the first two sentences, that small scale entrepreneurs are the unsung heroes of the recovery, and that small businesses are a perpetual source of inventiveness, valuable export, earnings and vast job-creation potential. Mr. Speaker, small business was in the front trenches of the recession. In 1982 alone 80,000 small businesses closed their doors for reasons ranging from retirement to receivership. But we find the phrase, "to assist this sector an expanded Shop Canadian program will be launched".

What kind of program is that to assist small business, another government throw-money-at-advertising program? Some Liberal advertising firm must be in financial trouble and in need of a boost. What about the statement, "Access to federal programs for small businesses will be improved using federal business development bank for delivery"? What are the action words, Mr. Speaker, "access to" and "improved"? Small business has been down that road before. Where is the promise of incentive so badly needed?

Small business people do not want handouts, Mr. Speaker. They want incentives and demand. They want to expand and grow because they are needed, not because money was thrown at them to create short-term jobs in order to qualify a person for unemployment insurance. The Government's priorities are wrong. Give small business a need to expand, a reason to be confident in the future and it will create the new jobs, permanent jobs.

I looked closely for other rays of light, Mr. Speaker. I found some hope for tourism in the following mention:

Tourism is a source of income for hundreds of thousands of Canadians and is particularly important to the small business sector. A national tourism strategy, developed in co-operation with the industry and the provinces, will promote each