

number of jobs in Canada—not the number of unemployed—has actually fallen and that 67,000 people withdrew from the labour force because they could not find jobs. I think my honourable friend should take what comfort he can in what good news there is, and I will join him. He leaves me with an impression of complacency, and it seems to me that it would be better to advise the house exactly what the situation is with respect to these jobs because, according to the latest figures received, there has been a fall off in the number recently.

Senator Olson: If my friend got the impression that either this government is, or I, as a member of the government, am complacent about the difficulty and the distress regarding unemployment in this country, he got exactly the wrong impression. I could not more diametrically disagree with his alleged impression. This government has held job creation and increased economic activity as the highest priority ever since the recession started in the western world, and we continue to do so. The one thing about being a member of this party is that, if there are problems to solve, we are never satisfied until we have made the maximum effort to achieve the greatest success in that undertaking.

Senator Roblin: My honourable friend needs to have this attitude because the policies of his government have resulted in the greatest decline in productivity and prosperity of any nation in the OECD.

Senator Olson: No, no.

Senator Roblin: That is absolutely the case. We have the worst record of performance, in this downturn, of any nation in the industrialized world. First of all, it indicates the earlier ineptitude of the government and the steps it will have to take to get back to where we started from.

Senator Olson: Honourable senators, the conclusions are wrong because they are based on erroneous background information.

Senator Roblin: Of course, my honourable friend had better be prepared to prove that because I am prepared to produce the figures to show that I am correct.

Senator Olson: But it will be your opinion.

Senator Roblin: I am entitled to my opinion, but I am also interested in the facts, which is more than my honourable friend seems to be.

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RECOGNITION IN GOVERNMENT PUBLICATION

Hon. Peter Bosa: Honourable senators, my question is for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. Is he aware of a recent government publication entitled: "Constitution 1982" and, particularly, the chapter entitled, "Looking Back"? On page 28 there are several pictures and a footnote which reads as follows:

After the 15th and 16th century explorations of the Italian Caboto, the French Cartier and the British Gil-

[Senator Roblin.]

bert, colonization of Canada began in the 17th century under Samuel de Champlain.

I would like to thank honourable senators for the support that they have given me in my endeavour to have the official discoverer of Canada known by his original name.

Is the Leader of the Government in the Senate aware that acknowledging the contribution minority groups have made to the history and the development of Canada makes them feel more deeply Canadian and gives them a greater sense of belonging?

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, the answer to the first question is, yes, I am aware of the publication and I have read it once, although I do not profess to be familiar with every one of the details.

With respect to the second question or comment, I believe I should look that over because, although I agree with it, I am not sure whether the honourable senator asked for a commitment.

MULTICULTURALISM

APPOINTMENT OF NEW ADVISORY COUNCIL

Hon. Stanley Haidasz: Honourable senators, my question is for the Leader of the Government in the Senate. On the weekend of November 19, in our capital city, the new Advisory Council on Multiculturalism, consisting of 30 representatives or appointees, met in its first session.

I should like to know whether this new council was established by Order in Council. If so, when did that occur? Were the various national ethno-cultural organizations consulted in any way with respect to this decision and the appointments to the new council?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I will have to check whether it was by Order in Council. I do not know whether that council requires Governor-in-Council appointments. In any case, I will try to obtain complete answers to your questions.

REQUEST FOR ANSWERS

Hon. Jack Marshall: Honourable senators, I hope I will be forgiven for asking this question pre-emptorily. I should probably wait until the leader deals with delayed answers, but the suspense is killing me.

Since this is the last day of the session, will all the questions on the Order Paper and all those requiring delayed answers be responded to today?

Hon. H. A. Olson (Leader of the Government): Honourable senators, I have one delayed answer which I will get to during that part of our proceedings. I cannot say now that every minister has answered every question taken as notice or that there may not be a perception in the mind of some senator that an answer was still to come, because I have run into the