

October. People in my riding are not going to stand for that any longer, Mr. Speaker.

The reason we need the employment tax credit is not only that it provides more jobs for less money, not only that it allows us to target on groups hurt by unemployment, not only allows us to have on-the-job training combined with the tax credit but, far more important, it allows the people of Canada to have some sense that the Government is honest. It keeps Liberal hands off the money and that is what people want.

Mr. Anguish: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Hon. Member a question about a topic brought up by a member of the Conservative Party from Calgary. He talked about the way in which the rate of unemployment is set across the country. I feel that the system is faulty. For example, in the last year that we had community development projects my constituents received about \$980,000; this year it was changed to Canada Works projects and the constituency allocation was \$100,000. We were told this was because the base rate of unemployment for the area was below the average and therefore we received only the basic \$100,000. In the northern part of my riding, however, there are many native communities with unemployment in excess of 90 per cent; 10 per cent is not the unemployment rate but the unemployment rate in many of those communities.

To determine the unemployment rate, Statistics Canada conducts a telephone survey across the country but very few calls are made to some of the remote, northern areas and native areas where few people have telephones. I think this is a fault in the method of determining the real rate of unemployment.

I wonder if the Hon. Member who just spoke has some ideas on how the Conservative Party, if it were the Government of Canada, would determine the actual unemployment rate for all areas.

Mr. Crombie: Mr. Speaker, in terms of the first part of the Hon. Member's question, I believe I made clear my own view that the Government's course of action with respect to job creation is both incompetent in terms of its management and corrupt in terms of its practice. It seems to me the most important thing is to make sure we have a mechanism which allows us to deal with some certainty in terms of employment needs.

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I feel one mechanism which has just had birth, and which could be dealt with more effectively, is the Labour Market Institute. The Labour Market Institute has at least the beginnings of a capability for identification of specific areas in a far greater way than the mechanism used by the Government.

I may say as well that as it stands now, when we are dealing with the number of people I have in my own riding—and I, along with the Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap), have the largest number of people in the country—what we do now is look at both the Canada Works program and Section 38. Section 38 funding in my riding was \$70,000, almost as much

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as the original \$100,000. The process right now is inappropriate, mismanaged and corrupt. I believe what we need to do is look at an extension of the opportunities provided by the Labour Market Institute.

Mr. Jim Hawkes (Calgary West): Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in this debate today with perhaps a little more enthusiasm than I have had at other times because I have an opportunity, Mr. Speaker, for 20 minutes, to put on the public record, to put into *Hansard* and to put out through the television medium, some of the facts of the backroom manipulation of the Prime Minister's Office in relation to a particular \$300 million secret slush fund. I mentioned in the House last Friday, supported by the Hon. Member for Kingston and the Islands (Miss MacDonald), that on Thursday there came into our possession some documentation which helped us begin to understand the secret nature of the use of these funds for partisan political purposes, the secret nature of the use of these funds in a manner which makes a mockery of the attempts by the Government to assert that it cares one whit about the unemployed in this country.

I am going to provide to *Hansard* and will read into the record some significant portions of the material which became available to my office last Thursday. The first quotation I will read into the record refers back to the early days of this program in 1982, when it had a different title. Today it is called the Special Employment Initiatives Program. I will read just one short paragraph out of the minutes of the meeting of the group which was charged with the responsibility of putting this program in operation:

The projects have been generally selected for their local impact. Speedy implementation is critical as the emphasis is on immediate employment. It was also emphasized that, at this stage, confidentiality is required.

"Confidentiality is required", Mr. Speaker. Anyone listening to me today can phone a Canada Manpower Centre anywhere in the country—close to two years later—and ask for information on this program and, Mr. Speaker, it is not available. It has not been available to all Members of Parliament since the day it was announced in the Budget. It has been available to Liberal Members of Parliament. The Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) admitted, yes; other Members of Parliament, no; Canadian citizens, no. It was available simply to Liberal Members of Parliament. We have asked, Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): Order. May I ask the Hon. Member to clarify and describe the source of the document from which he is quoting?

Mr. Hawkes: Mr. Speaker, I will provide the documents to *Hansard*. As to the source of the document, they came into my hands through people inside the Conservative Party whom I trust.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault): The Hon. Member knows that the rules require that documents quoted in the House be described. The description which the Hon. Member has given is absolutely not acceptable.