

What action has the government taken for women facing violence? The mini budget provided no job creation, no shelters, and no child care to help women escape violent situations.

Instead, it victimized women with punitive new unemployment insurance restrictions. It announced a 10 per cent cut per year in funds for organizations fighting violence. It cut \$136 million from native communities dealing with the pain of violence. These escalating cuts are added to previous \$1 million cuts to programs for immigrant, native and poor women.

It is not enough to have more research into violence. It is not enough for government members to wear white ribbons. They must stop hurting women.

\* \* \*

#### NEW BRUNSWICK YOUTH STRATEGY

**Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton—York—Sunbury):** Five years ago in November 1988 an experimental project was initiated between the federal government and the Government of New Brunswick to assist young people in the frequently difficult transition from a school environment to the permanent workplace.

The program was intended to address both those who drop out of school as well as those who were graduating but unable to find a working career path.

The New Brunswick strategy was concentrated through store-front access centres for youth throughout the province where ease of contact would be followed by individual assessment counselling and direction. These new initiatives were designed to complement current labour market training and educational activities.

Through the youth strategy, government at all levels in New Brunswick, the private sector, labour, educators and youth groups worked together to strengthen the links between education and the world of work.

• (1110)

In March 1993 this pilot program will be completing its fifth full year with considerable evidence of success. It represents a combined federal and provincial investment of more than \$120 million. Hopefully—

S. O. 31

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** I am sorry, the hon member's time has expired. The hon. member for Haldimand—Norfolk.

\* \* \*

#### YOUTH

**Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk):** Mr. Speaker, the unemployment figures came out today and the news is not very good. The national figure rose to 11.8 per cent for November but the numbers are even more disturbing for the youth of this country.

The youth unemployment figures released today indicate that 438,000 young people do not have jobs. That is 18.4 per cent of Canada's youth. In October 406,000 young people were out of work. In other words, 32,000 more young Canadians have joined the ranks of the unemployed.

Canada's young people have lost confidence. They have lost confidence in what their futures hold and certainly lost confidence in what this government will be doing for them.

The recent Tory economic statement illustrates the government's lack of commitment to Canadian youth who are hoping for some action and a plan for economic growth. Unfortunately Canada's youth see no relief in sight and they have lost hope.

We need to address the problems of youth. We need to make youth issues a priority. In other words, we need a government which can give Canada's young people opportunity—

**Madam Deputy Speaker:** The hon. member for Peterborough.

\* \* \*

#### VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

**Mr. Bill Domm (Peterborough):** Madam Speaker, I am going to read a quotation from a female author involved in a project funded by the Department of National Health and Welfare: "I have a vision. My vision is of a time where women are respected and treated as equals. It is a time where women feel safe in their homes, on the streets and in their places of work. As a mother, it frightens me to think that my daughters, like all women, are vulnerable to abuse and violence by men".