

*Oral Questions*

## GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, one understands that the Leader of the New Democratic Party is in a state of hysteria lately as a result of the attacks upon him by the official labour movement. That explains his ridiculous behaviour today.

If I might refer again to what the Prime Minister said as reported on page 49 of *Hansard*:

"Nobody is talking about waiting until June . . ."

That is absolutely right.

"—the fact is that Mr. de Grandpré is scheduled to meet with the Ministers responsible as early as Friday of this week—"

That happened this morning.

"—to discuss an interim report."

We have concluded an interim report is not necessary. There will be a final report within a very short period of time. There is no emergency situation. The fact that the Leader of the Opposition wants to cry wolf together with the Liberal Party, does not make an emergency situation exist. The suggestion that there has been any misrepresentation—

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member for Oshawa.

**Mr. Broadbent:** I think it is wonderful, Mr. Speaker, to hear members of the Conservative Party telling people on this side of the House to be honest. That is the joke of the times.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Broadbent:** Mr. Speaker, I remind the Government it was right after the 1984 election that it began systematically to mislead the people of Canada, and now the Government is doing it all over again.

**Some Hon. Members:** Order.

**Mr. Clark (Yellowhead):** Order, Ed.

**Mr. Broadbent:** It is all right, Joe. We have not won all the seats in Alberta yet.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** I know the Hon. Member would want to put his question.

**Mr. Dick:** Be honest this time, Ed.

**Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa):** Mr. Speaker, the Government has now reversed itself. On Wednesday the Government was promising an interim report and now the Government is saying there will not be an interim report.

Is the Minister saying to the working people—there have been some 2,400 who have been laid off since the election—that this Government of Canada does not plan to do anything in a special way either for them, their families, or communities affected? Is that what the Government is saying?

**Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, it is regrettable to see the Leader of the New Democratic Party slip into these kinds of tactics so early in the session. But when one looks at who is sitting behind him, one understands the pressure that he is under.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Crosbie:** The firm of Roseworks is increasing its staff from 15 to 50 over the next two years. Du Pont is investing \$240 million over the next two years. Canadian Thermos Products Limited of Toronto is expanding its plant, with 102 new jobs. Bachan Aerospace plant in Windsor is going to operate while the Detroit plant closes, for another 20 jobs. Saskatchewan Intercontinental Packers has 148 direct jobs, and the Crestbrook Forest Industries has 4,000 new jobs—4,000—

**Some Hon. Members:** Sit down.

**Mr. Crosbie:** And the Cargill—

**Some Hon. Members:** More, more.

**Ms. Copps:** Sit down, you dummy.

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Labrador.

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## FISHERIES

LABRADOR FISHERMEN'S UNION CO-OP—REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO NORTHERN COD FISHERY

**Hon. William Rompkey (Labrador):** Mr. Speaker, it is great to be back in a civil House at Christmas time!