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AIRPORTS

ABSENCE OF MINISTERIAL SIGNS APPLAUDED

**Mr. Leo Duguay (St. Boniface):** Mr. Speaker, on my way into Winnipeg International Airport last week, I was pleasantly surprised to see that signs indicating alterations list the sponsor as Transport Canada and make no mention whatsoever of the Minister responsible. I was even more pleasantly surprised to see that the same policy was evident at the Ottawa airport.

The previous Government's practice of erecting huge signs and bronze plaques, with the Minister's name receiving an obscene profile, for even the smallest of projects, was an insult to the Canadians whose taxes paid for such projects.

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

**Mr. Duguay:** I want to congratulate the Minister of Transport (Mr. Mazankowski) on this simple but important step of returning to the people of Canada the credit that is their due. I wish to encourage other Ministers to follow suit. Such a practice will not only save the Government money when Ministers change, but will highlight Canada's support for a project rather than one Canadian's political generosity. All of this would make more credible the role of Canada's servants, the Members of Parliament.

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

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THE ADMINISTRATION

CRITICISM OF GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell):** Mr. Speaker, the Conservative Government has embarked upon a program of action in this Parliament which stands so contrary to the promises made during the election campaign that the main campaign issue of Conservative credibility is now the main issue facing the House of Commons. The sacred trust of universality, as the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) has called it, is no more than an opportunistic, vote-getting flim-flam. The Conservative Members have a hidden agenda, an agenda hidden only in the sense that they have denied its existence in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

The recent statements made by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) indicating that Canada cannot afford universal social programs for middle-income Canadians serve only to confirm the existence of such a hidden agenda. The Liberals give, and the Tories taketh away.

SOCIAL SECURITY

OPPOSITION PARTIES' ACTIONS

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Mr. Speaker, in spite of the fact that, time and time again, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) has stated that the pensions of our old age pensioners, our crippled, and our needy, would not be reduced, members of the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party continually put fear in the hearts of the needy of Canada by inferring that their benefits will be cut. The objective of the P.C. Government is to pay more to the needy, not less.

I say shame on the Liberals and NDP who are playing politics yes, and dirty politics at that, on the backs of those in wheelchairs and those who are not receiving enough to make both ends meet. I send this message to all of the needy of Canada: "Don't let these Liberal and NDP politicians frighten you. They are the ones who would continue borrowing to the point where all social benefits would have to end, and they want those making \$50,000 to \$200,000 per year to keep on getting their benefits while you go hungry part of the month." On your behalf, I say shame on the Liberals and the socialists for trying to build themselves up on the backs of the needy of Canada. I assure you that your Progressive Conservative Government is looking for ways and means of paying you more—yes more, not less.

The Opposition is speaking for the rich and wealthy. The P.C. Government is working to give more to those who need it the most. The people of Canada have elected a Government under the leadership of the Right Hon. Brian Mulroney, and it is a Government that has compassion and a Government that cares.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order, please. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION

THE FRIENDLY GIANT—CANCELLATION OF PROGRAM

**Mr. Iain Angus (Thunder Bay-Atikokan):** Mr. Speaker, they say that Christmas is for children. As this House prepares to break for its Christmas recess, what do we find is the Government's Christmas present for our children? It cut *The Friendly Giant*! A Canadian institution that so many of us have grown up with is gone with the stroke of a pen, and all in the name of restraint.

Is this what restraint means to Members on the government benches? Are they prepared to say to the children of Canada: "Sorry kids, but we have to make the books balance, and you'll just have to pull in your belts too"? The Government is giving a whole new meaning to the phrase: "Find the boot".

It is not only our children who have been victimized by the Government and its cuts. Outlying communities have also been targeted. For example, *Radio Noon* in Thunder Bay is to be