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construction there are three immediate jobs created in spin-off industries, such as the plumbing industry, the furniture manufacturing industry and the electrical appliance industry. In the long term, for every one job created, for example, in the construction of housing, there is evidence to show that 25 jobs are created in spin-off industries. It seems to me that if the government were to embark on that kind of program, to get into the construction of housing, it would not only be serving a socially useful function, but would also be providing Canadians with much needed jobs. There would be money coming back into the economy rather than money going out of the economy.

I could go on to spell out more of what we believe could be done. However, my leader, the hon. member for Oshawa (Mr. Broadbent) has mentioned in this House on many occasions, and—

Mr. Paproski: Broadbent is the Charlie McCarthy of the CLC.

Mr. Young: Pardon?

Mr. Paproski: He is Dennis McDermott's Charlie McCarthy.

Mr. Young: Mr. Speaker, the Conservatives love to direct criticism at this party and at other parties in the House. However, it is their opposition motion today. So far, they have five hon. members in the House. The bells rang for about ten minutes tonight because we could not get a quorum and because there was only one Conservative member sitting in the House—

Mr. Paproski: I rise on a point of order. Mr. Speaker, I think the new hon. member in the NDP should realize that he should not reflect on the number of people in the chamber. He must know that there are committees meeting this evening. If he does not understand what goes on in the chamber, maybe his—

Mr. Blais: There is a labour convention in Winnipeg!

Mr. Paproski: I see no reason for the hon. member reflecting on who is here in the chamber. We have other things to do than to sit in the House.

Mr. Deans: There is no rule or precedent disallowing that.

Mr. Young: Well, Mr. Speaker, I accept the admonition of the hon. member for Edmonton North (Mr. Paproski).

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): Order, please. As six o'clock approached, the same matter was raised in the House by the same hon. member, I might add. Before going to dinner, I had requested the Table officers to assist me in finding the correct citation which covers comments on the attendance of members. That has not yet been found, but my understanding is that hon. members may remark as to the attendance of members generally, but not as to the attendance of a particular member.

Mr. Deans: That is absolutely right.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): If that will satisfy the House for the moment, I will see if I can do further research while in the Chair, and perhaps with that as a guideline, I could again recognize the hon. member for Edmonton North.

Mr. Deans: A very enlightened observation.

Mr. Paproski: Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your decision. I simply do not exactly know where this matter is dealt with in Beauchesne's. Nevertheless, we do not like reflections on the NDP attending a CLC convention in Winnipeg or on the fact that there is only a half dozen members here. I would not want to do that.

Mr. Deans: As a percentage of the total, we are a lot more numerous than you.

Mr. Paproski: I do not think it is fair that any member should reflect on the fact that there is only a handful here from their party.

Mr. Deans: Although most of us are not quite the same size, I might say.

Mr. Young: Mr. Speaker, we anxiously await the results of your research.

Why do the Conservatives like to criticize and like to say that our policies are all wrong? At least we have a policy and at least we have some suggestions to make, but I have failed to detect anything concerning youth unemployment from what the Conservative Party has said in the House today. Frankly, the only thing I could find in terms of Conservative Party policies with respect to youth unemployment came from its position when it unfortunately formed the government for the short period of time between 1979 and 1980. At that time, the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) simply promised employers that the Liberal employment tax credit plan would be replaced with the employment tax credit plan of the Conservatives, with exactly the same problems and exactly the same formula used. What did the Leader of the Official Opposition promise? The numbers dropped downward after his election. The national youth service corps, which was supposed to provide 50,000 new jobs for young people in small communities, was later targeted to provide only 14,000 new jobs when the Conservatives were in government. I will not go on. I think the country knows that the Conservative Party is long in criticizing but short in solutions.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands): Mr. Speaker, I could begin by stating that it is the hon. members of the New Democratic Party who are directly responsible for the mess in which so many young people find themselves today.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!