

National Housing Act

in such a construction program. It will also be a special incentive to many small builders, and I think we should assist small builders, starting out, to build one or two homes. This program will enable them to provide the housing which is so necessary in many parts of rural Canada.

The limited development housing plan which will provide grants of up to \$900 per apartment or unit will again provide low-rental housing. In my riding of Parry Sound-Muskoka, builders big, medium and small are not interested in building homes for rent because they cannot get sufficient rent from them. This is just not a viable plan for those builders. The only housing of any consequence in small towns in my area is the housing provided through the Ontario government. I concede that the federal government is providing the lion's share of the money.

Great emphasis should be placed on senior citizens' apartments and low-rental housing. In my own area, the council which I had the honour to head for some 26 years was the first in the Parry Sound district to go after these grants for low-rental housing and senior citizens' units. We

did make a small accomplishment just prior to my election to the House of Commons. While I was still involved with that municipal council, we obtained a further commitment from the Ontario government, and I believe there will be a senior citizens' apartment unit, with 24 apartments, opening there next month. This is a great boon to an area such as mine, my hometown of Burks Falls.

More important—and I want to point this out to the government—many of the senior citizens who are moving into these new, available units are moving from presently occupied homes which they cannot afford to maintain and heat, or even to pay the taxes on. I understand these units will become available for rent in December, so that by next spring there will be an additional number of older houses available. Of course, this is older type housing but I think this provision will certainly be worth while.

Madam Speaker, may I call it six o'clock?

The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin): It being six o'clock, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p. m.

At six o'clock the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.