

[English]

GOVERNMENT POLICIES

Mr. Guy H. Arseneault (Restigouche—Chaleur): Madam Speaker, I believe that in the dying days of this government it is indeed the time to set the record straight.

After nine years with the Conservatives at the helm Canadians will not forget the legacy of this government.

[Translation]

It leaves an ever growing deficit; 1.6 million Canadians out of work; an alarming poverty rate which the government tries to camouflage with new criteria; 38 tax increases since 1984; attacks on our social programs and our quality of life; and Canada's regions abandoned as a result of cutbacks in funding for regional development.

[English]

This government's legacy is one of broken trust and lost hope. As one of my hon. colleagues has stated, under this government "the rich got richer, the poor got poorer and the middle class got shafted".

This Prime Minister's record speaks for itself.

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[Translation]

THE HON. MEMBER FOR LAC-SAINT-JEAN

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Madam Speaker, on April 27, 1993, a man who was ambassador to Paris from 1985 to 1988, the hon. member for Lac-Saint-Jean stated in this House: "A natural modesty has always prevented me from reporting on my tight management of the embassy in Paris. I was the most highly rated ambassador in Europe at the time for my management".

For the information of Canadian taxpayers, under Michel Dupuy, the operating budget for the mission in 1984-85 was \$4.9 million. Under the hon. member for Lac-Saint-Jean, in 1985-86 it was \$5.6 million; in 1986-87; \$7.4 million; in 1987-88; \$8.4 million. An increase of \$3.5 million in three years, not including travel and entertainment expenses.

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Today, as Moody's in New York lowers Quebec's rating, I would not blame Canadian taxpayers for being very "moody" if asked to give a good rating to our ambassador to Paris from 1985 to 1988, considering this 60 per cent increase over three years.

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[English]

STANLEY CUP

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce): Madam Speaker, as you can see I am very proud of this sweater. It represents greatness in hockey and a standard of excellence for all Canadians.

I had one like it when I was six years old but it was the thick woolly kind with a turtleneck that we wore at an outdoor rink when it was 20 below zero. I have loved this sweater ever since. One begins with two points just by having it on.

I must say, however, that I was not so proud of some fans who destroyed property and became violent last night. This is the 100th anniversary of the Stanley Cup and in that time six Montreal teams have won the cup 41 times, including the first time in 1893. The Canadiens have won it 24 times.

[Translation]

I want to congratulate Jacques Demers, the organization of the Canadiens and the great team itself, where all players are superstars. The Canadiens have brought the Stanley Cup home again!

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[English]

CANADA SUMMER GAMES

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops): Madam Speaker, I would also like to give my congratulations to the Canadiens on an outstanding performance. However my statement is with regard to the following.

The great city of Kamloops has the honour of hosting the 1993 Canada Summer Games. For this privilege we thank the federal government for its generosity and for its demonstration of confidence in our citizens' ability to showcase this great Canadian event.