

in the coming months or in the fall to reinstate the community advisory process for deciding which projects are going to get funds and which projects are not.

Mr. Dennis Dawson (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I would like to elaborate on the earlier comments by the minister to the hon. member on the summer youth employment program and the approval process established for that program. The hon. member will be pleased to hear that we have been able to adhere to the original schedule and that, to date, there have been no delays in the approval of projects. In fact more than 80 per cent of the projects to this date have now been approved, which is much higher than the schedule we had earlier programmed.

I expect that in most regions commission officials have already advised a number of project sponsors that their projects have been approved, or will be doing so very shortly. The approval of projects began several weeks ago and is now proceeding quite smoothly. Those projects which have come highly recommended and which emphasized a need to begin very early in the program time frame, are now being given priority attention.

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It is expected that most of the projects which have been approved will be made known before the weekend, that is earlier than had first been expected. In fact, at this time nothing allows us to say that including consultation with hon. members has caused or will cause any serious delay in going ahead with the projects approved under the program.

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Mr. Speaker, I understand there can be concern about the applicants being advised their projects have been approved, because it took longer to process the first projects than the ones approved under the Young Canada Works program. However, I should like to point out to the House that the situation had been foreseen from the start, as the Progressive Conservative government which was unable to announce the summer youth employment program for this year, had planned to do so on January 8, 1980, contrary to the Liberal government in previous years which announced them in early December. Of course, since the job-creation program for the fall and winter of 1980 under Canada Works program was announced on December 12, on the very day before the Progressive Conservative government was brought down, it is not surprising they waited till January to announce their summer job-creation program.

Mr. Speaker, for a program of that importance, the announcements are usually made in the fall preceding its implementation, but this year the staff of the commission had to work within very narrow time slots. Fortunately, they found ways of shortening the normal time period necessary to implement the program so that, in fact, students will be able to avail themselves of job possibilities at the time when most of them are looking for summer jobs.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.34 p.m.