

vessels and so on will be purchased in an orderly fashion. The rough figure to know is that a nuclear sub costs 1.6 times that of a conventional submarine. Support facilities are about 1.8 times more for nuclear than for conventional. For that, one receives several times more capability.

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ATLANTIC CANADA OPPORTUNITIES AGENCY

RESPONSIBILITY TO PARLIAMENT

Mr. George Baker (Gander—Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, finally the Prime Minister announced the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency on the weekend. We are told that one of the key architects of the program was one Dalton Camp and it is to be headed up by the Ambassador to West Germany, Donald McPhail. The Minister responsible for the new agency is Senator Lowell Murray.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Baker: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Deputy Prime Minister. Of all the Members of Parliament in this Chamber on the government benches, was there not one man or woman who the Prime Minister thought was capable of being the Minister for this new agency? Is the Government not even concerned that not one Member of Parliament can ask even one question of the new Minister responsible for this agency because he is not here, he is in the Senate? That Senator is responsible to no one but his maker, the Prime Minister.

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to advise my hon. colleague that I have been appointed to answer in the House.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Crosbie: I am quite willing to change places with Senator Murray if necessary.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Crosbie: It may be true that Liberal Senators are answerable to no one, but PC Senators are answerable to the Prime Minister and to their cabinet colleagues. Our Prime Minister is a maker, not a faker, or a shaker as is the Leader of the Official Opposition.

I will do my best to answer to the House for this very important agency, hand-in-glove and in tandem with Senator Murray who will be answering in the Senate. Both of us together will see that the \$1.05 billion is spent on new activities and new money for new projects over the next five years. I thank my hon. colleague for his interest.

Oral Questions

FEDERAL FUNDING

Mr. George Baker (Gander—Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister can appoint whatever mouthpiece or loudspeaker he wishes. The fact remains that DREE is now a distant dream and DRIE has dried up. Now the entire future of industrial development in Atlantic Canada is left in the hands of the Prime Minister's new troika, Camp, McPhail, and Murray, the bureaucrat, the diplomat, and the old school chum.

Does the Minister not realize that \$1 billion over five years divided up into four provinces makes about \$50 million a year to replace the \$65 million Newfoundland used to get under DREE? Now the Fisheries Improvement Loans Program of \$250 million will be terminated by the Government at the end of the month. Will the Minister not admit that this is simply a recycling job with less money, no parliamentary control and total control by a single, solitary Senator?

Hon. John C. Crosbie (Minister of Transport): Mr. Speaker, we all understand that our hon. colleague is very touchy today. His brother Winston did not make it at the leadership convention on Saturday. Winston Baker got it good, like a battered baker should.

With respect to—

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Speaker: I know the Hon. Minister intended to say: "With respect to the question", and with respect to the question, the Hon. Minister will answer.

Mr. Crosbie: Yes, Mr. Speaker, and I might say that they had a farewell tribute to their departed leader, Leo Barry, on Friday night. The only trouble was that their battered former leader, Leo Barry, did not turn up. Having been stabbed to death by his colleagues, he did not bother to go. This is a precedent for the Leader of the Official Opposition.

With respect to DREE being dried up, DREE was in a drought with \$32.9 million spent by DREE under ERDA and GDA in Newfoundland in the last full Liberal year, 1983-84. That amount was more than doubled last year to \$75.9 million and that will continue. There will be added to that and to the other spending in Atlantic Canada another \$1.05 billion, \$200 million per year, and that ain't hay. If it is hay, it is the kind of hay we can use plenty of in Atlantic Canada.

CREATION OF JOBS

Hon. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Mr. Speaker, the Minister made some disparaging comments about the brother of the Hon. Member for Gander—Twillingate. All I would say is that I hope, unlike the Minister, he will not decide to join the Conservative Party now that he has lost the Liberal leadership.

Mr. Crosbie: He was an NDP member.