

specifically, would be announced by the end of the fiscal year. It is the new programs I am asking about. Is the Prime Minister saying that new programs would be introduced at or about the end of the fiscal year?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, the answer is on the record.

**Mr. Nunziata:** And so is my answer on the record.

**Mr. Mulroney:** The excellent statement of the Minister of Employment and Immigration today—

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Mulroney:** I know that unless you are throwing borrowed money at a problem, it does not constitute an initiative or anything of value to the Liberals and NDP. This is not our way of—

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** How much did you throw at Northland?

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Speaker:** Order! Order!

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## HOUSE OF COMMONS

### PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF NETHERLANDS MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT

**Mr. Speaker:** May I draw to the attention of Members the presence in our gallery of Hon. Peter Winsemius, Minister of the Environment of the Netherlands.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## ENERGY

### PRICE OF GASOLINE

**Mr. Jim Jepson (London East):** Mr. Speaker, in the absence of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources I will direct my question to her Parliamentary Secretary, the Member for Brampton-Georgetown. The people of London East, and indeed Canadians right across the country, are most unhappy with the slow rate at which oil companies are decreasing the price of gasoline at the pumps.

Can the Parliamentary Secretary tell this House when Canadians might expect a further decrease in gas prices reflecting the decrease in world oil prices which the oil companies have enjoyed over the past few months?

**Mr. John McDermid (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, as the Hon. Member knows, there have been two drops in prices—

**Mr. Riis:** Come on, Mickey Mouse drops, and you know it.

## Oral Questions

**Mr. McDermid:** —of 2 cents a litre, the first on February 20, and the second on March 12.

**Mr. Blackburn (Brant):** Big deal.

**Mr. McDermid:** I am pleased to announce that this afternoon a further 2 cent per litre decrease has been passed on to retailers by Petro-Canada. That amounts to a total drop of 6 cents per litre, approximately 27 cents a gallon, in the last month and a half.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## YOUTH

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROGRAMS

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, in response to my colleague, the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East, the Prime Minister denied that he had made a commitment on March 3. In the quotation from *Hansard* of March 21 just read by my friend, the Hon. Member for Kamloops-Shuswap, the Prime Minister referred to his earlier statements of March 3 and March 11 in which he said that at the appropriate time, before the end of the fiscal year, there would be new programs introduced to help the youth of the country. Is he going to live up to that commitment?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, I was responding to a very interesting question from the Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East with regard to a statement made on March 3. On March 3 I said:

Our first obligation toward youth is to keep creating permanent jobs and this is exactly what we are doing. This will be linked in due time not only with other programs, but with very important initiatives that will create more jobs for our young people.

That is exactly what transpired today.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT

**Right Hon. John N. Turner (Leader of the Opposition):** Mr. Speaker, I invite the Prime Minister to turn to his statement of March 21 in which he referred to his earlier statements of March 3 and March 11 gave a distinct, clear, and unequivocal statement to the House.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, that has been absolutely and fully responded to.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**Mr. Mulroney:** This from a bunch of people who caused almost 300,000 young Canadians to lose their jobs! That is an