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the community has the infrastructure it needs to meet the demands and needs of new industries which can be encouraged to locate there.

To this end the federal government has entered into a road improvement scheme with the province of British Columbia to provide the town of Stewart for the first time with what will soon be first-rate road access to the outside world. Already a number of inland mining companies are considering using, or have decided in fact to use, Stewart as a transshipment point to help diversify its economy and improve transportation access, providing two-way traffic which cuts incoming food transport prices.

Road access to this beautiful part of the country will result in an upgraded tourist industry, increasing the number of tourists who will be able to come to Stewart and resulting in immediate and sustained growth.

An hon. Member: Where is Stewart?

Mrs. Campagnolo: Oh, well, people across the way from the south have never heard of some of these towns, but then people in my area have never heard of the town which the hon. member represents.

An hon. Member: Are you having trouble at home?

Mrs. Campagnolo: Through the Department of Regional Economic Expansion the government declared part of northern B.C. a designated region eligible for five different types of DREE assistance. Under three distinct but integrated programs the government has made money available to municipalities to develop sites suitable to industrial expansion—

Some hon. Members: Get back to the motion.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mrs. Campagnolo: Mr. Speaker, the yapping hyenas across the way are still at it, and the supercilious smile on the face of the hon. member for York-Simcoe (Mr. Stevens) is really as appalling a thing as one could see. He is that economic cheshire cat. If he feels that the debate tonight is a joke, well, he called it so perhaps it is. So we move into the various other ways—

An hon. Member: Tell us about the 89-cent dollar.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

An hon. Member: Meow!

Mrs. Campagnolo: Mr. Speaker, I believe that aside is very apt for the hon. gentleman across the way. These five programs which I have listed tonight are ones which will help diversify the small one-resource town and promise to pump more than \$100 million into the economy of that single, isolated part of northern British Columbia. This is action, Mr. Speaker, not messianic mumbling by that pathetic group across the way. Canada is not prepared to listen to them. Canada saw good action last week in the federal-provincial

[Mrs. Campagnolo.]

conference. I hope hon. members will look at the reviews on their television sets to see what happened, because obviously they missed even their own Conservative member's responses.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Pembina on a point of order.

Mr. Elzinga: Mr. Speaker, I wonder if the hon. minister would permit a question?

Mrs. Campagnolo: Yes.

Mr. Elzinga: I thank the minister and I thank you, Mr. Speaker, because I am bootlegging this question in. I would ask the minister whether she does reply to her correspondence. I sent her a letter three months ago and to date I have not had a reply.

Mrs. Campagnolo: Mr. Speaker, I think the question is more appropriate for the question period. I hope the Speaker will have a chance to recognize the hon. member from the oil-rich part of southern Canada. I promise I will research to see if that gentleman's letter has been misplaced.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The hon. member for Don Valley.

Mr. James Gillies (Don Valley): Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

An hon. Member: Now we will hear the truth.

Mr. Gillies: This is really "Alice in Wonderland."

An hon. Member: No, it is "Iona in Wonderland."

Mr. Gillies: We have a situation this evening in which the Parliament of Canada has been called together at a special session to talk about a very serious problem and we get a constituency speech, to be delivered at home, I suppose, to help the election of the hon. member. This is the most disgraceful thing I have ever seen in this House of Commons.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Gillies: Absolutely disgraceful!

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Gillies: It is absolutely outrageous that the government would put up a member to make a constituency speech on a problem as important as this.

An hon. Member: That's what you call hypocrisy.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. The hon. Minister of State rises on a point of order.

Mrs. Campagnolo: Mr. Speaker, may I ask the hon. gentleman if he truly feels that the real heart of Canada is his own constituency, since he answers for it every day in the House, and speaks for it during every question period? There is a time when we must ask where the heart of Canada is located. I submit it is located from sea to sea to sea.