

*Oral Questions***CHALLENGE '86****YOUTH SUMMER EMPLOYMENT—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO PRIVATE AND NON-PRIVATE SECTORS**

Mrs. Pauline Browes (Scarborough Centre): Mr. Speaker, all Members of the House are interested in the summer youth employment programs. Now that most of the grants have been assigned under the SEED Program in Challenge '86, could the Minister tell the House how those funds have been allocated to the private sector in relation to the non-private sector, and what is the variation of those funds from province to province?

Hon. Andrée Champagne (Minister of State (Youth)): Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to say that Challenge '86 has been a great success this year. We are going to have many young people employed this summer so they may earn their tuition and go back to school in the fall.

As for the allocation of money to the private and the public sector, it changes according to the different provinces. The average is 35 per cent in the private sector and 65 per cent for the non-private sector. The difference varies from, let's say, 85 per cent public in Newfoundland to 51 per cent public in Alberta.

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AIR CANADA**FLIGHT ATTENDANT'S SUSPENSION—REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT INTERVENE**

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister. I hope he does not hide behind the umbrella or the mask of a collective agreement. My question concerns the fundamental right of free speech for every Canadian. I would like to ask him why the Government does not exercise its power under the Financial Administration Act to issue a written directive to Air Canada demanding that it reinstate this *hôtesse de l'air* without any penalty?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): There is a process in place that is being followed. I am surprised that the Hon. Member would be suggesting that we interfere with a proper and appropriate process that is in place, and not allow the appeal process to be exhausted. Surely that is within the rights of those individuals who are involved.

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GOVERNMENT POSITION

Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East): It was his political Party, the Progressive Conservative Party, that set this issue in motion. Why does the Minister choose to ignore his Government's responsibility under the Financial Administration Act, which empowers his Government to issue a written directive

demanding that Air Canada restore the right of free speech so that every person who works for Air Canada, every federal government employee, and indeed every Canadian, can feel free to speak out without the kind of harassment that has been evident in this particular case?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member, being an expert in harassment, knows of course of what she speaks.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Ouellet: That is disgraceful for a Deputy Prime Minister.

Mr. Nielsen: It is not truthful to say that the Progressive Conservative Party was responsible for originating this matter. The correspondence that was forwarded to the Minister was immediately forwarded to the management of Air Canada which has dealt with it as a management problem, and there is now an appeal process in place which all Members should have the decency to allow to come to completion.

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NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS**SALT II AGREEMENT—ALLEGED VIOLATIONS BY U.S.S.R.**

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence. In view of everyone's grave concern about the decision of the United States to breach the limits of the SALT II Agreement, will the Minister tell the House, and indeed the Canadian public, what are the alleged violations on the part of the Soviet Union? The Prime Minister said that they were too numerous to mention. Apart from the question of the SS-25, upon which there is a difference of opinion within NATO, what are the violations by the Soviet Union?

Hon. Erik Nielsen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of National Defence): Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is inaccurate for the Hon. Member to say that the United States has made a decision to breach SALT II. My understanding of the President's statement does not accord with that at all. The Prime Minister stated in Halifax that he did not believe that any breach of the SALT II provisions would find support in NATO and certainly would not find support in Canada. With respect to the alleged violations, I do not believe I have the time to go into detail on the floor of the House of Commons, unless the Hon. Member wishes to devote her supplementary question to that subject again and I will outline some of them.

NATURE OF VIOLATIONS

Ms. Pauline Jewett (New Westminster—Coquitlam): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister said: "I could mention quite a few but they are obvious to everyone." Everyone I have asked at