

cannot be an exemption as a basis for lowering the tax. That is the difference.

Mr. Clark: That is anti-new Canadian.

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LABOUR CONDITIONS

REQUEST FOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW JOB CREATION MEASURE

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. Every day literally hundreds of Canadians are losing their jobs. Since August alone 50,000 men and women have been laid off. Considering that just yesterday the minister yielded to pressure from the business community to make certain changes in the budget proposals for their benefit, will he today be prepared to announce some new job-creation measure which will bring relief to the more than one million unemployed Canadians?

Hon. Allan J. MacEachen (Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance): Madam Speaker, the hon. member asked the same question yesterday on job creation, which I answered.

● (1425)

Let me tell the hon. member that the change which was made yesterday was not in response to representations from the business community, but in response to representations made by members on this side of the House and by individuals in the country who were interested in ensuring that rental accommodation programs already in place would not be disturbed and arrested because of the elimination of MURB provisions, so I extended until the end of December the inclusion of particular costs for deductibility in order that all existing programs in the housing field should go ahead.

The hon. member is again distorting the impact of a particular measure that I announced in the House in response to representations from members of the House, the effect of which is to help people seeking apartments in this country, not to help high-income owners of apartment buildings. The hon. member has it all wrong again.

An hon. Member: Hear, hear!

INDUSTRIAL AND LABOUR ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): Once again, Madam Speaker, we got no announcement of a significant job-creation program. That was the gist of the minister's answer. I will try another minister who has vaguely expressed concern about unemployment from time to time, and that is the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. He has cited the great efficacy of the Industrial and Labour Adjustment Program. Considering that this program has been in operation for more than a year and has done almost nothing in terms of providing jobs—in fact in Windsor with a need for some 11,000 new jobs it has

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provided only 184, and in the area of Sept-Îles with an unemployment rate of 25.4 per cent only 80 new jobs have been created—is the minister at long last prepared to stand up and demand of the Minister of Finance some new job-creation program?

Hon. Herb Gray (Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Madam Speaker, the Industrial and Labour Adjustment Program has over \$300 million assigned to it by this government, and in the coming weeks and months I expect to see a much more vigorous use of these funds in order to expand our existing job-creation activities. I again repeat, a basic thrust of this budget, especially the assistance for the small business sector will, in my view, have a major positive effect on job-creation throughout this country because small business is a major source of job creation across Canada.

Mr. Broadbent: Thank you for the recorded announcement.

[Translation]

LAY-OFFS IN QUEBEC—REQUEST FOR JOB-CREATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa): My question is for the Minister of Regional Economic Expansion. The figures for the various regions of Quebec reflect as well a setback and even a deterioration of economic activities. General Motors announced last week that 3,500 workers will be laid off, Canadian Admiral will close its doors and, thirdly, 610 Pratt & Whitney employees will be given their walking papers. Here is my question: Why is there no new job-creation program in very high unemployment regions such as Quebec?

Hon. Pierre De Bané (Minister of Regional Economic Expansion): Madam Speaker, I would like to remind the leader of the New Democratic Party—it probably slipped his mind—that one of the basic documents tabled by the Minister of Finance on budget night features the government's over-all economic policy guidelines for the 1980s. One of the major points announced by the government in that document is that the integration of the regional dimension in the sectorial policies of the government will become a constant factor in all our policies.

● (1430)

[English]

I am very surprised that the hon. member has not read that document. It says very clearly—

An hon. Member: We read it in five minutes.

Mr. De Bané:—that the question of the development of every region will become central in the decision-making process of this government. We have also announced a strengthening of our capacity not only to bring the information from the regions to the highest levels in Ottawa but also to concentrate on each region.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!