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EMPLOYMENT**CHALLENGE '85 PROGRAM—INCREASED STUDENT
EMPLOYMENT**

Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton South): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald), private business throughout the country, and provincial Governments for their roles in what has turned out to be an exceedingly successful summer job program—Challenge '85.

In my constituency of Edmonton South 386 jobs were created from the 171 projects funded under Challenge '85. Some \$956,000 was spent to employ students in Edmonton South.

The Challenge '85 package of programs is a comprehensive plan designed to provide career-related summer employment for people moving through the educational system. The success of this program cannot be underestimated. Throughout Canada, students and employers applauded the program. Students found it easier to obtain work related to their studies through the student employment offices. Employers found the program to be an excellent way to hire younger talent eager to work for them. This was the first time that Provinces collaborated with the Government in a job strategy for students.

The program resulted in a much improved employment picture in 1985 over 1984. Throughout Canada we created 14,000 more jobs for students than last year. A total of 100,020 jobs were created this summer. This success was reflected in the youth unemployment rate which fell from 18.3 per cent in August of 1984 to 15.9 per cent in August of 1985.

The Government has proven its commitment to students and youth through Challenge—

Mr. Speaker: I regret to advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired.

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COMMUNICATIONS**GOVERNMENT OPINION POLL TAKING**

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell): Mr. Speaker, the Government is proposing to centralize public opinion polls in the country. Not content with handing out public opinion poll contracts as patronage plums, as the Government has been doing since last September, it now wants to centralize the results of such polls in the Prime Minister's office. This system will fit in well with the new scheme of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) to control information, control the power, and share the blame with everyone else.

Canadians are wondering will the provisions of the contract for this new polling system guarantee access to information for all people. Will the results be made public? What safeguards do we have that the Conservative headquarters will not merely use those polls to their own benefit thereby having polls subsidized by the taxpayers of Canada?

This is a new Pravda Canada scheme by the Conservative Government. It ought not to be implemented. It should be withdrawn immediately.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR SLAIN OFFICERS**

Mr. Barry Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I had the privilege on Sunday, September 29, to participate in the eighth annual memorial service for police and correctional officers who have given their lives in the service of our country. The names of nine officers who lost their lives since last year's memorial service were added to the Honour Roll in the Memorial Book which is located in a room in the East Block of the Parliament Buildings.

We were reminded by Dr. Allen Churchill, Protestant Chaplain of the RCMP, that the job of our peace officers, as they are commonly called, to maintain law, order and peace in our society, is not only their responsibility but one that we all must share.

The cities within our national capital region of Hull, Aylmer, Gatineau, Ottawa, Gloucester, Vanier, Nepean and Kanata—indeed all cities and towns across Canada—are continually patrolled and protected by our well trained and dedicated police officers. Our prisons are protected by correctional officers.

As we pursue peace in a troubled world, we should never forget the officers who gave their lives so that our families, our friends, our homes and our businesses can continue to remain safe and sound.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

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BANKS AND BANKING**LIQUIDATION OF BANK**

Mr. Raymond Garneau (Laval-des-Rapides): This morning we heard the news that a liquidator has been appointed for a second Canadian bank. I would have liked to direct my question to the Prime Minister but in his absence, I shall direct it to the Minister of Finance.

Could the Minister of Finance give the House the assurance that the Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs will meet as soon as possible to examine the circumstances that led to the second bank failure in just a few months?

[English]

Hon. Ray Hnatyshyn (President of the Privy Council): Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member will be aware of the fact that there