

is possible to go to a Canada Manpower centre, get an application form and apply for employment creation money under the programs he mentions. It does not seem possible to do that same thing under the Special Employment Initiatives Program. Can the Parliamentary Secretary tell the House why the difference? Can he tell us how one applies for the Special Employment Initiatives Program?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Dubois:** Mr. Speaker, when the criteria for this program were discussed in this House and before the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration, it was said that this was a job creation program designed to have much faster results, to have flexible criteria and not to entail any bureaucratic problems.

Since November, the Minister of Employment and Immigration, when he appeared before the Standing Committee on Labour, Manpower and Immigration, has invited all the Members of this House to send him their projects and said that he could meet their needs adequately. I am therefore very surprised at this question about applications under this program. I know that one of the colleagues of the Hon. Member for Calgary—I forget whether it is Calgary West or Calgary East—who has been sitting in this House since 1968 has submitted some projects. I mean the Hon. Member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle). How very strange! Of course, he did his job. If certain other Members had also looked at the budgets of June 1982 and April 1983, they would have learned how to submit an application. However, instead of discussing program criteria and levels, they may have been more interested in squabbling over leadership issues and looking for 14- and 15-year old delegates and people in bars.

**Mr. Laniel:** I have a question for the Parliamentary Secretary which also concerns the Hon. Member for Joliette (Mr. La Salle), who was Minister of Supply and Patronage, I believe, in the Clark Cabinet. Since the Hon. Member for Joliette has admitted in this House that projects in the amount of \$400,000 had been approved for his constituency and has even stated publicly that he did his job, as the Hon. Member has just pointed out, I would like to ask the Parliamentary Secretary whether the Hon. Member for Joliette is still doing his job. Has he submitted other projects to the Minister for approval?

**Mr. Dubois:** Mr. Speaker, I could not say exactly what projects the Hon. Member has submitted directly to the Minister for job creation assistance under the Canada Works and NEED programs. The Hon. Member for Joliette has submitted his applications and has received the grants as provided for in the announcement made by the Minister of Employment and Immigration last September and also in the Speech from the Throne. As for as the programs to promote immediate job creation are concerned, I am only referring to the comments made by the Hon. Member for Joliette which I

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have seen in the newspapers saying that he wanted still more money for his constituency, that he had been granted \$400,000 and that he was working to get still more.

In one simple word, in view of what the Hon. Member for Joliette himself has said, the answer would be yes, Mr. Speaker.

● (1610)

[*English*]

**Mr. Hawkes:** Mr. Speaker, the Parliamentary Secretary may recall that the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Evans) gave some interviews last week in which he indicated that one criterion for Special Employment Initiatives projects was that they had to be the kind of project which made the Government look good. How important was that particular criterion?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Dubois:** Mr. Speaker, how can we be doing this simply to make the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre (Mr. Evans) look good? Am I to understand that we are not such generous people even though, in the case of Quebec and constituencies elsewhere, but mainly in Quebec, to use the same terms as the Hon. Member, we are also being fair to the Hon. Member for Joliette, who has benefited from these projects? I do not see how this can be said to affect Government Members. As far as I know, the Hon. Member for Joliette is not a member of the Government party, but of the Progressive Conservative Party, the very same party as the Member who is asking me these questions. Members of his party should perhaps stop their internal bickering and begin discussing the budgets of June and April 1983, even if they date back several months. If they do so, they would notice the existence of all these job creation programs.

[*English*]

**Mr. Hawkes:** Mr. Speaker, I wonder whether we could call upon the Hon. Member, on his word as a Member of the House, to tell us with absolute clarity that the criteria used to allocate these funds were in fact identical to the criteria we received on February 2. I wonder whether we could call upon him to indicate that there were not special criteria, as the Hon. Member for Ottawa Centre indicated, but that the real criteria used to allocate that \$288 million to \$300 million were in fact the written criteria which every Member of the House received on February 2. Could we have the Hon. Member's word that the written criteria were the real criteria?

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Dubois:** As far as the document of February 2, 1984, which was sent to all the Members of this House, is concerned, I can certainly assure the Hon. Member that the criteria for this program are exactly as stated in the February 2 document published by the Department of Employment and Immigration. This document was sent by someone who acts as assistant in that Department.