

*Oral Questions*

## DISTRIBUTION OF ADVERTISING

**Hon. Steven E. Paproski (Edmonton North):** Mr. Speaker, I hope the Minister would review this because I have had a number of inquiries. As a former Minister I guess they feel they should write me a note to say that the Government is doing now what it is supposed to do 60 days before the next election. It is already starting to cut back between those who are Grits and those who are Tories in the Toronto area.

**Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, if the Hon. Member wants to provide me with the details of the specific case that he has in mind, I will certainly take it upon myself to look into it and report to him, either today or early next week, to make sure everyone is fairly treated and that the criteria are applied with the same kind of equity for everyone.

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## TOURISM

## IMBALANCE BETWEEN CANADA AND UNITED STATES

**Mr. Mel Gass (Malpeque):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of State for Small Businesses and Tourism. At the first of the week we had a meeting in Charlottetown with TIAC, the Tourism Industry Association of Canada. There were numerous statistics given to us at that meeting on the decline of the tourism industry in Canada in 1983. There are an increasing number of Canadians going south, and fewer Americans coming north. Could the Minister give us any indication of why that is occurring?

**Hon. David Smith (Minister of State (Small Businesses and Tourism)):** Mr. Speaker, it is true that there is in fact an imbalance in terms of tourist dollars between Canada and the United States. What we have done was to announce just recently a television campaign that will be launched in April in the northern tier of the United States, through which we will be going after American tourists to encourage them to come to Canada this summer.

In addition, a television campaign has just been launched encouraging Canadians to vacation in Canada. I believe the impact of both those campaigns will be to turn the situation around.

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## CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

## WORKING CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYEES AT CRANBROOK, B.C.

**Mr. Sid Parker (Kootenay East-Revelstoke):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the President of the Treasury Board. He will know that CP Rail was included in the six and five restraint program, yet at this time CP Rail has invoked a material change in working conditions that will reduce the wages of employees of CP Rail in Cranbrook, British Columbia. Will the President of the Treasury Board investigate this, with a view to telling CP Rail that it cannot do this

at this time and must wait until the restraint program is completed?

**Hon. Herb Gray (President of the Treasury Board):** Mr. Speaker, I would be happy to look into the matter, and certainly if it turns out that it is not consistent with the law passed by this Parliament I will see that appropriate action is taken.

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## EMPLOYMENT

## DISTRIBUTION OF JOB-CREATION FUNDS IN ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

**Mr. Gordon Gilchrist (Scarborough East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Employment and Immigration. He and the Prime Minister have made a very large case for the competence—I think efficacy was his word—of Liberal Members of Parliament in getting special recovery funds for their ridings as opposed to other ridings. Would he explain why Ontario, as a total, which has higher unemployment than Quebec, has managed to get 51 per cent less funds than Quebec? Does that mean that the efficacy of Liberal Members in Ontario is substantially below that of their counterparts in Quebec?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I would not want to come to such a broad and sweeping condemnation as the Hon. Member has, but I would remind him that we have also said that these programs are part of the effort to combat unemployment and that there are others on the part of the Government that are equally directed in doing so. I have stressed particularly the importance of my colleague's Budget and the kinds of tax incentives that it has provided to create jobs which will obviously have a very considerable impact in Ontario.

I have also pointed out to the House that one must take into account, in considering job creation questions, the fact that some Provinces, because they are wealthier, have greater fiscal resources for responding to job-creation problems within their areas. In considering that, Ontario is one of the richer Provinces and therefore can reasonably be expected to make a more vigorous effort than some of the relatively disadvantaged Provinces in other parts of the country. I have repeated those kinds of facts in the House before.

I have argued that when one takes into account those alternative thrusts toward job creation, the figures that relate to Ontario are reasonable in terms of the over-all context.