

on, one single word that will take the burden off the public sector to be the great provider in a country that was built on the spirit of entrepreneurship. That word is investment. I say, let it come.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### IMPORTANCE OF SUMMER PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, the cries of outrage over the cancellation of the Summer Works Program continue in full force. I recently received a letter from the chairman of the Public Library Board in my city of North York which I believe reflects the level of indignation felt over the regressive cut.

Last year alone the Board sponsored seven summer projects across North York, hiring approximately 40 students in the process; 40 students who had a job to help them pay their next year's school tuition fees, 40 students who acquired on-the-job training and experience, 40 students who received an opportunity to understand better and acquaint themselves with their communities and their neighbours, 40 students who provided a valuable public service to the community.

In my younger days I too participated in several Summer Canada projects. It is more than just a job. It is an extremely valuable life experience and an education. As a result of this government cut, what will the Government tell students in North York this coming summer? What will it tell the parents and the community organizations expecting assistance through this program?

The Government would be wise to reactivate the Summer Works Program quickly. In addition, I issue a challenge to those Members on the Government side who represent ridings in North York to show the calibre of representation and leadership they promised their constituents, apply collective pressure and less cheer-leading in an attempt to right a serious wrong. I look forward with much eagerness—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order please. The Hon. Member's time has expired.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

### MANAGERIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE GROWTH—TRIMMING ADVOCATED

**Mr. Dave Nickerson (Western Arctic):** Mr. Speaker, it is a part of human nature that, rather than countenance adversity ourselves, wherever possible we try to pass it on to someone else. Therefore, when a deputy minister is instructed to reduce staff or expenses, it is not his own staff or expenditures that are reduced. He passes the message on to the assistant deputy ministers, who in turn pass it on to the regional directors or the director general, and so on, all down the line. The cuts tend to

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take place at the lowest level which, unfortunately, is the level of service to the public. It is the hospital ward orderly or the grader operator who ends up getting fired, and the patient and the motorist who suffer.

This is the wrong way to go about things. The Deputy Prime Minister (Mr. Nielsen), in whom we all can have confidence to wield the pruning knife deftly and deeply, ought to bring his dexterity to bear on the managerial and administrative side of government where there is a luxuriant growth which would not suffer from a thorough trimming. The objective of the exercise has to be to make government Departments more efficient and effective by reducing the bureaucratic elements, while delivering a high standard of service to the public.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

### IMPACT OF BUDGETARY CUT-BACKS

**Mr. Jim Fulton (Skeena):** Mr. Speaker, the people of Canada were deceived on September 4 by a group of perhaps well-meaning but obviously equally deceived Conservatives running for Parliament. Where on the public record were Conservatives espousing the values of firing wildlife biologists, dismissing the only wildlife pathologist in the country, closing off Canada's first center of toxicology, shutting down the herring gull egg project, smashing the project to monitor the effects of forestry pesticides on songbirds and migratory birds in New Brunswick?

From coast to coast there were no such statements. In fact we are forcefully reminded by the press that many members of the new Tory Cabinet, for example the Member for Hillsborough (Mr. McMillan), in opposition condemned the Liberals for neglecting Arctic research and cutting funds for the Arctic biological station at Ste. Anne de Bellevue. The same Tory now says that cutting deficits is a higher principle.

Each and every cut in the environment sector is designed as a signal to the corporate sector that the extreme hardline right wing of the Tory Party is in control. Let the Canadian voters beware. The Union Carbide crowd in the corporate sector are the determining factor for environmental decisions under the Mulroney administration. We can expect more endangered species, greater public health risks, fewer regulations on industrial activities that use the environment as their dump. Canada is on the road now somewhere between the Love Canal and Time Beach. We have the Canadian equivalent of Anne Gorsuch as Environment Minister.