

\$600 million a year as a result of the Government moving to world oil prices, is the Minister prepared to recommend to the Government that it take at least one-half of that \$600 million back, in terms of a windfall profit tax, so that the elderly will not have to pay for job creation in Canada?

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I wish to protest the Hon. Member's continual misrepresentation of the facts in terms of the Western Accord. He constantly ignores the fact that all benefits from the Western Accord are to be channelled into new jobs and job creation.

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

**Miss Carney:** Mr. Speaker, because I believe the Hon. Member to be sincere in his duties as energy critic, I wish to draw to his attention to a recently released study by Informet-rica. I have a rough copy in front of me on my desk. The study indicates that, compared to the pre-Budget base case it uses, the Western Accord would generate a cumulated total of 405,000 person-years of employment in the period 1985 to 1990.

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

**Miss Carney:** The issue is jobs and job creation. I wish the Hon. Member would take notice of that.

#### REQUEST FOR TAX CHANGE

**Mr. Ian Waddell (Vancouver-Kingsway):** Mr. Speaker, I invite the Minister to return to her riding of Vancouver Centre and tell her constituents why she is giving money to the oil companies and taking it away from the seniors.

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

**Mr. Waddell:** I wish to direct my supplementary question to the Minister of National Health and Welfare, since he is the one who is responsible here. I will give him a third option, if he likes.

Is the Minister prepared to recommend to Cabinet that it take a piece of the Petroleum Gas and Revenue Tax back in the form of a revised taxation in order that seniors will not have to pay for this so-called job creation? In effect the Government has given to the oil companies what will amount to \$5 billion over the next five years.

**Hon. Jake Epp (Minister of National Health and Welfare):** Mr. Speaker, the premise on which the Hon. Member bases his question is entirely wrong. Jobs have to be created. Jobs create wealth. Jobs create for all of us an opportunity—

**Mr. Waddell:** Why do the seniors have to pay?

**Mr. Epp (Provencher):** Jobs create wealth, which allows us to put our social programs in place. The Hon. Member knows that. He has told us to spend more and more, even if we do not have it. That is why we are spending more money today, for

debt servicing for bankers. He is supporting the bankers who have said that we should raise the debt.

**Mr. Waddell:** I am not. I am supporting the seniors, not the bankers.

**Mr. Epp (Provencher):** The Hon. Member wants the bankers to have more. He would have us take it away from the old age pensioners.

**Mr. Waddell:** That is wrong, and you know it.

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#### EMPLOYMENT

##### LABOUR MARKET DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. It, too, concerns the secret communications plan for the labour market development strategy.

I was deeply chagrined when I read in this document that Conservative Members of Parliament would be receiving more detailed information with respect to the proposed programs than Opposition Members. In fact the communications plan calls for a more specific and distinct information kit for Conservative Members of Parliament. This is an abuse of the privileges of the Members of the House. It is a blatant politicization of the Minister's Department.

Why does the Minister propose to give preferential treatment to Conservative Members of Parliament? Why is she discriminating against Members of the Opposition? Will she give the House her personal undertaking that, when the program is unveiled, each and every Member of the House of Commons will be given the same information to bring back to their constituents?

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to have all the pre-publicity for the labour market strategy. I hope we will continue to talk about it every day until it is formally announced. I tell all Members of the House that it is my intention to bring all the details with respect to this worthwhile project before all members of the Canadian public.

##### MEDIA INTERVIEWS

**Mr. John Nunziata (York South-Weston):** Mr. Speaker, that is not what the document says. The document signed by the Minister's Deputy Minister says that there will be a separate, more detailed kit for Conservative Members of Parliament. This is a serious matter. It infringes upon the rights of each and every Member of the House.

In view of the fact that the document not only discriminates against Members of Parliament but also against the media, since it speaks of selective interviews with *The National* and *Canada AM*, and since it also speaks of a plan to—