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drive of my riding I would welcome approval to allow them to enter Canada to enjoy the pleasure of sailing the lakes.

This is an opportunity for the federal government to see a tidal wave of American tourist dollars enter Canada, with a resulting spin-off being increased employment in our hospitality industries.

Skagway, Alaska with a population of 700 people welcomes 300,000 people each summer from cruise ships. Ports of all sizes along the Great Lakes would welcome the same level of prosperity if timely approval is given.

The Great Lakes Conference of Mayors recognized the potential of this industry more than a year ago. I urge the departments of justice and finance to move this concept to the approval stage quickly before our American neighbours control this industry.

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SOCIAL PROGRAM REFORM

Mr. Benoît Sauvageau (Terrebonne, BQ): Mr. Speaker, yesterday, in Montreal, 200 students and unemployed young people came to tell the Minister for Human Resources Development how deeply disappointed they were by the social program reform the Liberal government is trying to impose on them.

These young people, full of energy and eager to work, denounced the cynicism and lack of action of the minister who claims that he is powerless to stem the rising unemployment rate.

These young people strongly criticized the reform which is trying to save money at their expense, going ahead without the provinces' consent, and turns a deaf ear to Quebec's demand to take over manpower training.

These young people refuse to have imposed on them a reform which endangers their future and cuts social benefits hard-won by previous generations. The results of the public consultation are loud and clear: the proposed reform is unacceptable and young people reject it.

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[English]

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ian McClelland (Edmonton Southwest, Ref.): Mr. Speaker, the business community is near consensus. The Canadian Federation of Independent Business declared its research consistently shows that small and medium sized businesses advocate the complete elimination of all grants and subsidies to businesses and associations. Yet the Liberals continually insist they are helping small business through regional development.

The Business Council on National Issues had but one suggestion for the federal government: "Just say no". The Canadian Aerospace Industry said: "We have seen attempts to create pseudo-competition by region in this county by pitting companies against each other supported by tax dollars. This has resulted in wasted energy, misguided marketing, lost opportunity, squandered money, and all too frequently, failed enterprises".

If the minister will not eliminate regional development he might as well amalgamate the regional development programs. He could then create a new crown corporation called "Pork Barrel Incorporated".

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INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

Mrs. Jane Stewart (Brant, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, recently in my riding of Brant, we have witnessed a successful and important example of intergovernmental co-operation.

The town of Paris has recognized that its police station is outmoded and can no longer effectively meet the town's needs. Meanwhile, Canada Post, while continuing to serve the rural and urban residents of the area, has been under utilizing its large building in the downtown core.

After successful negotiations, the town of Paris and Canada Post have reached an agreement under which the town will renovate the old post office into a new and modern police station with the help of infrastructure money, which I might add is another product of intergovernmental co-operation. Canada Post will find a more suitable and cost-effective location to continue its service to the town.

I would like to congratulate the council of the town of Paris and in particular, Mayor Bawcutt, for identifying and implementing this common sense deal. I would also like to recognize Canada Post for its effective resource management and its commitment to the betterment of our local communities.

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POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Mr. Peter Adams (Peterborough, Lib.): Mr. Speaker, I was delighted to see a draft memorandum of understanding between Nunavut Arctic College, which is based in Iqaluit, and Trent University in Peterborough. It provides for the development of mutual accreditation of courses, exchanges of faculty, students and staff and the development of other joint programs.

It also provides for the participation of the Nunavut Implementation Commission, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and other bodies in the development of post-secondary education in Nunavut.