

Oral Questions

Mr. Speaker: Order, please.

Mr. Nunziata: If you cannot stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. The Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East has a question. He is an experienced Member and knows what should or should not be said in the House. Just a question, please.

Mr. Allmand: It was a short preamble. I think, even according to your own guidelines—

Mr. Andre: Next question.

Some Hon. Members: Order.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

An Hon. Member: Harvie, you are not the Speaker.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East has a question immediately, please.

Mr. Allmand: Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Prime Minister.

On March 3 the Prime Minister clearly promised this House and the Canadian people a new youth employment program. Nothing else. He made that promise.

When is the Prime Minister going to honour that commitment to this House and the Canadian people? With that promise and nothing else, Mr. Speaker?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, first, what the Hon. Member has just said is wrong with regard to March 3.

Second, his reference to cynicism deserves to be noted when he accuses us of being cynical. Here is the Liberal Party defending and asking for the resurrection of Katimavik. Here is the Member for Shefford a year ago telling *Maclean's* magazine:

At the same time, Lapierre said that existing make-work schemes, such as the \$16 million Katimavik program, might have to be withdrawn and simplified so that participants receive actual job training "instead of just beautiful human experiences" that are of little value to potential future employers.

There is the ultimate cynicism. You are a bunch of shameless hypocrites, the whole lot.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

An Hon. Member: Shame on you.

Mr. Speaker: Order.

Mr. Speaker: I must ask the Prime Minister to withdraw the last remark.

Mr. Nielsen: Why?

Mr. Speaker: I thought I heard him call another Member a hypocrite.

An Hon. Member: No, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Mulroney: Mr. Speaker, it was a collective reference. I will be happy to withdraw it if it is inappropriate.

Mr. Speaker: A short supplementary.

CABINET POSTINGS

Hon. Warren Allmand (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce-Lachine East): Mr. Speaker, did the Prime Minister let the Minister for Employment announce this minor Cabinet shuffle today because he was so embarrassed to do so himself? Is that all he can leave to the Minister for Employment?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you that what we have done today is no embarrassment. I want to make that very clear.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Miss MacDonald: I do not know how the Liberals considered their previous Ministers of Youth, who were attached to the Department of Employment, but perhaps they are speaking from experience.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Ms. Copps: Why is your face so red?

Miss MacDonald: On March 3 the Prime Minister said: "Our first obligation toward youth is to keep creating permanent jobs". That is exactly what we are doing.

We began with the creation of 50,000 jobs. The efforts today will build on that.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROGRAMS

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister who said in the House on March 21:

—at or about the end of the fiscal year, and in appropriate fashion, the Government would be announcing new programs, including programs that deal with the problems affecting Canada's youth.

Is this an accurate statement?

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): It is an appropriate initiative and approach which will be very beneficial to Canada's youth.

TIMING OF ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, in the quote I read the Prime Minister said that new programs,