

Of the Canada Works Program, some 40 per cent of the people who participated are young persons. In the training programs there is heavy emphasis on young people. We are endeavouring to meet that particular challenge. This year, \$96.2 million will be spent directly in creating 60,000 jobs for young people, and we will be placing 250 million people through Manpower. So we are doing our share of the job.

Mr. Dick: Mr. Speaker, it is interesting to know that the Minister of Employment and Immigration is so uninformed and unknowledgeable that he does not even know we do not have 250 million Canadians, let alone that he is able to place that many. He has just confirmed that they are spending less money and hiring fewer young people this year than they have in any year since 1972, with the exception of 1976.

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Because of past and present failures to address the youth unemployment problem, will the minister reassess the current youth employment proposals so that they may be made effective? On the last occasion I questioned the minister concerning this matter, he said that the youth advisory board had met twice. Has the advisory board yet made any recommendations and, if so, will the minister share these recommendations with parliament and with Canadians by tabling the recommendations, together with any other advice given by the youth advisory board?

Mr. Cullen: Mr. Speaker, because we have so many excellent programs in place, I think it is appropriate that the National Youth Advisory Group should at least be given an opportunity to study them. They are not studying them on an ad hoc basis; they have set up a schedule of meetings so that they will be in a position to concentrate on the various programs which we have in place, how they might be made more effective, how the job experience training program might be made even more effective than it is at the present time, the employment tax credit program and what impact that has on youth unemployment. There is a whole series of things. These people are there to advise me so the youth of this country can derive tremendous benefit from people who are prepared to volunteer their efforts in this regard.

Mr. Dick: Will you announce them?

An hon. Member: Are you waiting until the election to make the announcement?

EFFECTIVE DATE OF SALES TAX REDUCTION

Hon. Marcel Lambert (Edmonton West): Mr. Speaker, my question is to the Minister of Finance. Would the minister please elaborate—because last night it was not clear—as a result of the agreements with the provinces, which of the agreements with regard to the sales tax are effective immediately, and which must await action by the provinces?

Hon. Jean Chrétien (Minister of Finance): Mr. Speaker, as it is a cut in the provincial sales tax, it is up to each legislature

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to decide when it will become effective. I understand most of the provinces issued statements yesterday that the sales tax would become effective as of last night.

Mr. Lambert (Edmonton West): As a result of what the minister indicated in his speech, in his last-minute discussions with the provincial ministers of finance will he indicate to us which provinces are prepared to have their agreements effective as of today, and which will take legislative action which may take them some time in the future? The minister should know that precisely and be able to tell the House.

Mr. Chrétien: Mr. Speaker, I cannot speak for the ministers of finance of the provinces who make their own announcements. All provinces agreed to participate in the program on the basis that we were to pay two points out of three for the cut in sales tax. But we have made a special offer to the maritime provinces. As it was sales tax, according to their own legislation they have to make their own announcements. Most provinces made the announcement yesterday that it was to be effective immediately.

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PRIVILEGE

MR. BROADBENT—ALLEGED LEAK OF BUDGET DETAILS

Mr. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): Mr. Speaker, I gave you notice yesterday that information which was contained in the Saturday, April 8, edition of the *Toronto Star* indicated, in its language by the way it was written, that a leak had taken place concerning information about the budget.

We heard the budget last night, and the precise information which was conveyed in the *Toronto Star* article was actually to be found in the budget. Having advised you yesterday, sir, that if such a leak had transpired I would rise today to pursue the question of privilege, I now find that I am under an obligation to do precisely that. Not only was the information contained in categorical language in the *Toronto Star* found in precise detail in last night's budget, but I would also like to draw to your attention that since looking at the *Toronto Star* of Saturday, April 8, I have had brought to my attention a column in the same newspaper of the previous day, by Mr. Dalton Camp, who also outlined in precise detail the content of the budget as it pertained to tax changes as it affected a number of provinces.

I want to stress that the information was not given in general terms, that this would be the general direction of the budgetary proposal, it was given in both instances in precise detail. Variations of tax rates as they would affect different provinces were shown. That information is to be found in the column by Dalton Camp in the *Toronto Star* for Friday, April 7, and as well in a news report in the *Toronto Star* for Saturday, April 8.

I learned yesterday that the CTV "National News" on Sunday, April 9, contained not only the same detailed information about the budget as it pertained to changes in the sales