

Opportunities for Youth Program

after the promised evaluations of last year's program turned out to be cooked information and the independent evaluation has either been stolen or lost. If I sound churlish, Mr. Speaker, it is because I am disappointed, and I make no bones about it.

• (1440)

[Translation]

Mr. Romuald Rodrigue (Beauce): Mr. Speaker, I thank the Secretary of State (Mr. Pelletier) for being kind enough to forward a copy of his statement to us.

As he indicated, the record number of 19,000 projects submitted by student groups is proof enough that young Canadians are interested in participating in Canadian community life.

On many occasions in this House, I emphasized this wish for participation on the part of our young people, who are receptive and ready to contribute their full share to the Canadian community.

The Opportunities for Youth program will certainly be helpful to a great number of them. The only hitch is that it will be impossible to accept all the projects submitted.

I hope that the group in charge of assessing and examining the projects will be objective in the selection, so that last year's errors are not repeated.

During the past few weeks, I have had a look at some of the projects submitted from my constituency. I am quite impressed with their originality and seriousness of design. This is why I should be disappointed if some serious projects were rejected. The project screening group has an important task to perform and I hope that it will approach it very earnestly.

I thank the minister for submitting this first report to the House and I invite him once more to keep us informed in this respect.

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MANPOWER

QUEBEC MUNICIPAL PROJECTS UNDER LOCAL INITIATIVES PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR UNANIMOUS CONSENT TO MOVE MOTION UNDER S.O. 43

Mr. André Fortin (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, I should like to take this opportunity to raise an urgent matter of national interest, under Standing Order 43.

When raising a question of privilege a moment ago, my colleague for Champlain (Mr. Matte) has pointed out an important problem about which Canadians have been misled, especially Quebecers, with regard to 700 municipalities. As for the Local Initiatives Program, the problems should be solved.

I therefore move, seconded by the hon. member for Champlain (Mr. Matte):

That the minister responsible for the administration of the Local Initiatives Program make a statement on motions to explain to the House the conflicting statements made by federal and provincial representatives about allegedly approved projects and the sum of \$5 million which is supposed to be earmarked for that program, in order to elucidate the matter thoroughly.

[Mr. Rowland.]

Mr. Speaker: The House has heard the motion moved by the hon. member for Lotbinière (Mr. Fortin) under Standing Order 43 which requires the unanimous consent of the House. Is there unanimous consent?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Some hon. Members: No.

Mr. Speaker: There is no unanimous consent, therefore the motion cannot be put.

[English]

On the order: Introduction of bills.

Mr. Speaker: Introduction of bills.

Mr. Knowles (Winnipeg North Centre): Stand.

Mr. Speaker: I have to refer at this point to the ten bills which were mentioned yesterday and the day before. The Chair indicated then that there was agreement that these bills be stood until tomorrow for consideration from a procedural standpoint.

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CANADA ELECTIONS ACT

AMENDMENT TO REMOVE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL PARTY" FOR PURPOSES OF REPRESENTATION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

Hon. Paul Hellyer (Trinity) moved for leave to introduce Bill C-174, to amend the Canada Elections Act.

Some hon. Members: Explain.

Mr. Hellyer: Mr. Speaker, this bill is designed to facilitate competition in the light of the existing monopolistic position enjoyed by the old parties. It should encourage freedom of choice and fresh ideas in the democratic process.

Motion agreed to, bill read the first time and ordered to be printed.

ORAL QUESTION PERIOD

TRADE

AUTO PARTS—REPORTED U.S. DIRECTIVE TO ENFORCE REGULATIONS ON SHIPMENTS WITH SEVERITY

Mr. W. B. Nesbitt (Oxford): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce. It concerns his ever-popular Texas friend, "Two-gun" Connolly. Yesterday I addressed this question to the Prime Minister but he did not know the answer. Perhaps the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce will today. Has the government looked into the suggestion that the United States Secretary of the Treasury has issued a