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inflation until the economy improved. That was Tory policy in 1979.

An Official Opposition that now calls for the Liberal Government to increase the GIS is the same Tory gang who would not, not could not, increase the GIS in 1979.

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. Unfortunately, the Hon. Member's time has expired.

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## LABOUR CONDITIONS

LAY-OFFS AT BLACK AND DECKER PLANT IN BROCKVILLE, ONT.

**Mrs. Jennifer Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** Mr. Speaker, in his Budget Speech a week ago the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) stood in this House and whetted our appetites with proud promises of lasting economic recovery and sound fiscal policies. He said:

In my April Budget, my goal was to secure the recovery. That goal has been met.

I would ask the Minister how can he justify that statement when just last Friday 110 employees were laid off at Black and Decker in Brockville, Ontario. This is a responsible, sound firm, that has provided 700 local residents with secure employment for over 25 years.

In announcing these lay-offs, the company president stated the signs of economic recovery last spring had caused them to anticipate a higher volume of sales than actually materialized when the economy failed to recover as the Minister predicted in his April Budget.

The Government has failed these employees with its promises to secure economic recovery and job stabilization. Government spending grew almost 10 per cent last year, well over its own six and five guidelines imposed on Canadians to reduce inflation. The message was obviously "Do as I say, not as I do".

The Finance Minister's Budget Speech, full of rhetoric and encouragement, held little for these recently unemployed Canadians in my riding.

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## EMPLOYMENT

SPECIAL EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVES PROGRAM—REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Mr. André Maltais (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Mr. Speaker, yesterday I referred to the funds allocated by the federal Government for job creation, and I mentioned several projects in my riding which would deserve special attention from the Government.

I have received an incredible number of telephone calls from constituents asking the Minister of Finance (Mr. Lalonde) to reinstate special funding for ridings affected by unemployment, whether these are Liberal ridings or not.

Mr. Speaker, in Baie-Comeau they are still asking for a harbour master's office and harbour facilities, as special projects. In Franquelin and Godbout, they want boat ramps and repairs to small harbours, while in Baie-Trinité they are asking for a harbour and facilities at Petit Mai which have yet to be completed. At Pointe-aux-Anglais they want community facilities; Port-Cartier is asking for relocation of a pier, plus I.T.T. installations. It is the same in Sept-Îles, with Phase III of the industrial park, and, Mr. Speaker, I could also mention Rivière-au-Tonnerre, Tête-à-la-Baleine or St-Augustin, La Tabatière, Blanc-Sablon and Gagnon, plus the airports at La Romaine, Tête-à-la-Baleine and Kegaska. The point I am trying to make is that the unemployed will never get enough money from our governments to put them back to work, and most of the people who called me in my riding have asked me to condemn in public the attitude taken by the Opposition Parties who are indulging in petty politics at the expense of the unemployed.

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## SOCIAL SCIENCES

BUDGET OF SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES RESEARCH COUNCIL

**Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo):** Mr. Speaker, the self-congratulatory press release of the Department of Communications of February 16, 1984, misleads the Canadian public. It suggests that the base budget of the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council will increase by \$2 million to almost \$59 million in the financial year 1984-1985. In fact the budget of the Research Council will be substantially reduced. A previous allocation of \$5.9 million for Canadian studies will not be renewed. The Government's magic arithmetic, as the Canadian Association of University Teachers calls it, gives the Council an increase of \$2 million, but really it loses \$1.2 million.

This sleight-of-hand is taking place at a time when millions of dollars are available at the whims of Liberal MPs, but post-secondary education support is being attacked under the six and five formula.

The Social Science Federation of Canada affirms that most major problems are both social and economic. More, not less, research is needed. High technology is impacting on the job market, especially for women. Prostitution, pornography, and visible minorities, are all being studied by separate and expensive commissions. Why, I ask, is the Government setting up costly parallel mechanisms for research, and refusing to introduce a five-year plan for research in the social sciences and humanities?