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plementation of the winter built home program, whereby a bonus of \$500 is given to individuals if they commence construction at a time which, incidentally, simply is not practical in the northern half of the country. I am speaking of the northern portions of the provinces as well as the areas above the 60th parallel. I believe the subfloor stage must be reached by December 15. At that date, in most northerly areas of Canada, it is simply impossible to proceed any further than the subfloor stage because it is too cold. Housing must be completed by, I believe, March. Therefore you have a bracket of December 15 and the first three months in the new year when you cannot work in northerly climes unless the building is closed in; and yet you do not become eligible for the \$500 bonus if your building is closed in before December 15. As a result you find very few individuals living in northern Canada being able to take advantage of this program.

This program does nothing at all to solve the native housing mess, which is a national disgrace and about which I will have a few words to say in a moment. I am not speaking now of the housing situation as represented by the igloos of the Eskimo people; I am speaking of housing with regard to the native Indian peoples throughout Canada, who live in the southerly areas as well as the more northerly areas of this country.

What did the minister and the Liberal party of Canada say they would do with regard to the housing problem in this country? I am going to quote from a pamphlet entitled, on its red front page, "Better places to live and work. The answer", published by the National Liberal Federation of Canada, 251 Cooper street in Ottawa. The Liberal party had all the answers when these circulars and pamphlets were distributed throughout the country, and yet they do not seem to have the courage of the conviction which is disclosed by the propaganda contained in them. The one from which I read says in part:

A new Liberal government will have a national plan to help municipal development. This plan will promote sound development projects in the places where Canadians live, where they need jobs.

It goes on, under the heading of "Clearing slums":

Our big cities need special development measures. They have slum areas where overcrowding and poor housing breed ill health, family tension, crime and juvenile delinquency; where adults cannot live well and children cannot get a proper start on the road to good citizenship. No Canadian family should have to live in these conditions.

What does the Murray report say about the hundreds of thousands of families which are living in precisely those conditions; conditions which this government has allowed to exist and worsen for two years, and conditions for which the government is concerned for its inaction by the Murray report.

Mr. Macaluso: That is not accurate.

Mr. Nielsen: Mr. Chairman, my hon. friend suggests this is not accurate. He was not here when I was reading excerpts from the Murray report.

Mr. Macaluso: I have read it.

Mr. Nielsen: If he did not hear it the first time, it will take a moment to put my finger on it again. The Murray report blames government inaction, and the report gives the number of families in distress as 750,000. This is the Liberal pamphlet "The Answer" which I am sure my hon. friends opposite will recognize as being an official publication with which they were provided during the last two campaigns:

We have to attack these evils. A new Liberal government will provide vigorous leadership, working with provinces and municipalities in a co-operative plan of attack.

We want to know what this plan of attack is.

Mr. More: All in 60 days.

Mr. Nielsen: My hon. friend refers to the 60 days of blazing action, a phrase which I am sure the author is sorry ever to have uttered. We want to know what are these dynamic plans which are going to meet the criticisms of Professor Murray and his colleagues in the compilation of a report which took two years to prepare. I am sure that these studies which went into this report over the course of two years cannot be lightly brushed off by the government.

For this purpose—

The propaganda pamphlet goes on—

—the present federal contributions to urban renewal schemes are inadequate. A new Liberal government will increase federal aid to slum clearance schemes.

This has been done in the amendments to the act which went through this house a few months ago, but obviously it is not enough and it is too late. I recall sitting on that side and meeting this criticism of almost every piece of legislation put through during the six years the Progressive Conservatives formed the government. I remember the "four horsemen" over here saying that it