

Oral Questions

Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, I sympathize with the sentiments expressed by my hon. friend. I do not think that there is any doubt about where anyone in the House stands on this very fundamental issue. There is a great deal of unanimity in the country; but we have important meetings in train. I will be meeting with Prime Minister Thatcher here on July 13. We will then be meeting with the Commonwealth Heads of Government in London during the first week of August. The question, I suppose, is this. Does acting unilaterally now not preclude the effectiveness of Canada's participation in building a common approach? My hon. friend is signalling no. He will find many Commonwealth leaders, including leaders of black Africa, who disagree with him.

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[*Translation*]**EMPLOYMENT**

UTILIZATION OF CHALLENGE '86 PROGRAM FUNDING

Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Quebec East): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East (Mr. Allmand) levelled serious accusations concerning the utilization of Challenge '86 program funding, the kind of remarks which denigrate a program whose achievement has been to provide young Canadians with worthwhile work experience during summers.

[*English*]

Will the Minister responsible answer yes or no with respect to whether the allegation made in this House yesterday by the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East is based on true facts?

Hon. Flora MacDonald (Minister of Employment and Immigration): Mr. Speaker, the reference of the Hon. Member for Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Lachine East to a Challenge '86 project yesterday is false. It is not a Challenge '86 project.

Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques): What program is it?

Miss MacDonald: It has no federal funding involved. It was simply a case of a private employer going to a Canada Employment Centre for students and hiring young people for the summer from his own funds. As happens so often, the Hon. Member from N.D.G. has made false accusations. He should stand in his place and apologize.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[*Translation*]**PUBLIC WORKS**

REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF CONTRACT AWARDING POLICY

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Acting Minister of Public Works, once again concerning the departmental contract awarding policy.

A few days after the report on the contract awarding policy was tabled in the House, Canadians have learned today through the daily newspaper *Le Devoir* that, in 1984-85, 570 contracts valued at \$6.9 million were awarded in Quebec without the benefit of public tenders.

Can the Minister tell the House whether the fact that over half of these contracts were awarded to people who contributed to the election fund of the Conservative Party of Canada is sheer coincidence?

[*English*]

Hon. Bill McKnight (Minister of Labour): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Public Works is absent from the House on government business. I am sure that he would be very pleased to answer the Hon. Member's question when he returns to this place.

Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker, supplementary question.

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. That is a take-notice answer. We do not give supplementaries on take-notice answers. The Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker—

Some Hon. Members: Sit down, sit down.

Mr. Boudria: Mind your own business.

Mr. Speaker: The Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor.

Mr. Boudria: Mr. Speaker—

Mr. Speaker: Order. The Hon. Member knows that when a Minister takes notice simply for another Minister our practice is not to grant a supplementary question. The Hon. Member for Essex—Windsor.

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TRADE

CANADA-UNITED STATES NEGOTIATIONS—AUTO PACT PROVISIONS

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Acting Minister of Regional Industrial