

estimated at the start of the year will be transferred to the Provinces this fiscal year. This is not a deception to any provincial Treasurer. The next step for each provincial Minister of Health is to grab it.

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[Translation]

### HOUSE OF COMMONS

PRESENCE IN GALLERY OF MR. JACQUES DIOUF,  
VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF SENEGAL

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I wish to draw the attention of the House to the presence in our gallery of a very distinguished visitor, Mr. Jacques Diouf, deputy speaker of the National Assembly of Senegal.

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[English]

### EMPLOYMENT

TRAINING OF LABOUR TO MEET TECHNOLOGICAL CHANGE

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. In large measure the Throne Speech proposes to deal with the problems that the Government created yesterday, but it does not in any way confront the challenges that are facing us today in the technological age. Up to four million Canadians will have to be retrained if Canada is going to keep up with other industrialized countries in the technological age. Where is the strategy for government, industry, labour, and the Provinces to co-ordinate this massive undertaking that will be needed if we are to modernize our human resources? Why was this left out of the Throne Speech?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, I think that that strategy is in place. Indeed, we discussed it before the parliamentary committee. It does involve the co-operation of labour, the private sector, and government. It was that co-operation which led to the establishment of the Labour Research Institute sponsored by the Business Council on National Issues, the CLC. It is that kind of co-operation which underlies the development of the occupational projection systems which are designed to give us a more precise knowledge base about what kind of training, manpower formation and skills development will be appropriate for the future. That basic co-operation which she asks for is well in place and, I think, is being strengthened. It leads to the kind of knowledge which will help us to improve the design of our training program.

As she knows through questions in the House and discussions we have had in committee, there is an emphasis on institutional training, industrial training, and the skills growth fund. There is from time to time a shift of emphasis on which of those is pursued more strongly, depending to a large extent on the degree of pickup or co-operation that comes from the

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private sector. The basis of that strategy is in place. I do not deny that it cannot be improved on or that, from time to time, it should be looked at again, but it is in place.

### THREAT TO WOMEN'S EMPLOYMENT

**Hon. Flora MacDonald (Kingston and the Islands):** Mr. Speaker, my supplementary to the Minister is that he has had studies and reports. What we need is not more of the same, but action. In the meantime, while he is ignoring this issue, there are one million women in Canada who face the possibility of seeing their jobs phased out because of technological change. Why does the Government persist in ignoring this problem? Why does it ignore the fact that one million more women could be without jobs in the next few years? Why does it not act, instead of just studying?

● (1450)

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member received \$400 million worth of action yesterday. She should get together with her Leader. Yesterday, before he had even had a chance to read the Speech from the Throne, the Leader of the Opposition was already condemning what he called the intrusions that he thought it would involve. Now the Hon. Member is complaining that it does not involve sufficient intrusion at all. There was action taken yesterday. She should try to understand that.

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### VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS

GOVERNMENT'S TAXATION POLICY

**Mr. Walter McLean (Waterloo):** My question is directed to the Secretary of State who, as the Minister advocate for the voluntary sector, will have noted very carefully that there are no less than seven references to the voluntary sector in yesterday's Throne Speech. One part of the speech indicates that the Government will increase its funding for voluntary associations interested in security, arms control, and disarmament issues. The Minister will be aware that these groups have been faced with harassment. For instance, there is the matter of the British Columbia division of the Canadian Mental Health Association which I raised with the Minister of National Revenue on November 2. In light of the action proposed in the Throne Speech, has the Government now widened its policy on allowable charitable activities, or is the Government prepared to make changes and fund these groups simply because this issue suits its purposes?

[Translation]

**Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State):** Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the Hon. Member did notice that Canadian voluntary and charity organizations are mentioned in the Speech from the Throne no less than seven times.