

*Adjournment Debate*

National Capital Region and my city of Nepean. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and Minister of State (Youth) and Deputy Leader of the Government in the House of Commons):** Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the Minister of State for Youth, I would like to give a more complete answer to the questions raised on June 10 by the hon. member for Nepean. The hon. member suggested that the Minister of State said one thing in this House while civil servants in several departments said the opposite. Those assertions are groundless. The hon. member mixes up different things and considers that the Summer Carrier-Oriented Employment Program of the Public Service Commission is included in Challenge '91 offered by the Department of Employment and Immigration. This program is not part of Challenge, it is a federal employment program offered by the Public Service Commission of Canada.

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Again this year, it is estimated that over 6,000 students across the country have been hired by the Public Service Commission under the Career-Oriented Summer Employment Program. To this day, most of the federal offices cooperating with this program report they are planning to hire about the same number of students this year than last year, and this does not include the Cooperative Work Education Programs within Public Service or other Public Service summer employment programs. There also they hire students.

In June, the Minister of State (Youth) was perfectly right to say that there would be more money available for students in the summer of 1991 than in the summer of last year, and this under the Challenge 91 Program. Challenge 91 has a budget of \$143 million, of which \$80 million have been spent this summer under the Summer Employment/Experience Development Program. This latter program has two components, one for high school students and the other for postsecondary students. The number of jobs created this summer under Challenge 91 is estimated to 55,000 compared with the 52,000 created last summer. Moreover, it is expected that 16,000 other jobs will be created this summer of 1991 for young

drop-outs through the Work Orientation Workshops Program. I remind you, Mr. Speaker, that 16,000 jobs had been created last year through that program.

[*English*]

## STEEL INDUSTRY

**Mr. Steve Butland (Sault Ste. Marie):** Mr. Speaker, on June 18, I asked a question of the Minister of Finance with regard to whether the federal government would be participating in an employee buy-out, or at least trying to facilitate an employee buy-out at the Algoma Steel Corporation, once the second largest steel corporation in this country. On that occasion the minister suggested that he was personally in favour but suggested it was the minister of industry who should be responsible. The minister of industry had already said it was the responsibility of the Minister of Finance.

It would appear that everybody on the government side is very supportive of such a concept. We in Sault Ste. Marie and in particular the steelworkers, the whole community in fact, would like the opportunity to facilitate an employee buy-out. The largest employee buy-out in this country.

You may say that we are breaking new ground in setting precedent, but in the United States it is an every day occurrence and facilitated by tax credits. This time we are going to give tax credits to the employees rather than the corporations.

What we are asking of the government is: Will it participate along with the Ontario government to offer complementary tax regulations, to enact amendments that could be done without changing the whole income tax act, to give the employees a break? For example, on a \$3,500 investment, a \$700 tax credit.

Also, employees have told me they do not want to buy the company unless it is economically viable. I think we all agree with that. You do not want to buy something that is a bad investment and a waste of your money. The employees are already giving \$3 of their wages to, hopefully, as a down payment on this company, if you want to call it that.

The federal government let us down just a little while ago because it would not participate in a \$10 million loan guarantee when the employees, the banks, the unions,