

Adjournment Debate

like to provide the Hon. Member for York East (Mr. Redway) with a more detailed reply to the question he put in the House concerning the number of programs for youth administered by Employment and Immigration Canada and the number of young people participating in these programs.

● (1825)

As the Minister has already informed the House, this year in excess of \$700 million will be spent on job creation and training programs for young Canadians. As the Hon. Member indicated, in 1982, at the height of the recession, \$100 million less was being spent. This \$700 million expenditure for job creation and training falls into two main categories—programs specific to youth and programs not specific to youth but in which young Canadians may and do participate.

Under the Canadian Jobs Strategy, Employment and Immigration Canada assisted youth through Challenge '85 and will do so this summer through Challenge '86. More than 101,000 young people benefited last summer. That is many young people.

Under the entry option of the Job Entry Program, young Canadians experiencing difficulty entering the labour force can obtain up to 52 weeks of skill training and practical work experience. Under the co-operative education option, institutions are able to offer students formally integrated periods of academic study and work experience. In 1985, 65 co-operative education applications were approved which will assist up to

40,000 students in the coming four years. Again that is many young people. We have to think about that; it is very important.

[*Translation*]

Besides being responsible for employment planning, the Employment and Immigration Commission helps young people through employment services, Canada Manpower Centres, university campus employment centres, and eleven specialized units for young people having a particularly hard time to find jobs. Extension programs, international exchanges and summer employment related to studies also help a number of young Canadians.

I could go on for a long time, Mr. Speaker, but I think the Hon. Member has clearly shown that we have done a lot for young people, and we will continue today, tomorrow and next week to work hard for them. Rather than singling out one specific program, I think we should consider the Government's over-all youth strategy.

We have assumed our responsibilities, Mr. Speaker, and we will continue to do so thanks to the kind of policies I have just mentioned.

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Attewell): The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, the House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

The House adjourned at 6.28 p.m.
