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supposed to be built in Montreal has been postponed, and not a word from the Quebec Members about this.

As far as student loan programs are concerned, during the election campaign they said they were going to be very open and generous. That was the word used by the present Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney). Today, Canadians realize it was a lot of rhetoric, because when it is time to give Canadians living on modest and low incomes what they need, he is not as "generous".

The student loans program: \$5 million cut, \$1.25 million in Quebec. Canagrex: \$6.6 million, \$1.65 million in Quebec. The manpower industrial training program, a program that helps re-train workers on the job and introduce technological change in a humane manner: \$40 million in Canada and \$10 million in Quebec. The Canadian Home Insulation Program: \$84 million, \$21 million in Quebec. Cutbacks with a specific impact on certain regions in Quebec included \$4.9 million that would have been spent on pharmaceutical laboratories in Trois-Rivières and research laboratories in Victoriaville. The Quebec Members are applauding. At least I can congratulate the Hon. Member for Lotbinière (Mr. Tremblay) who is fighting these cutbacks. I must say that Members who are doing so in the caucus over there are few and far between, and I think it is important to acknowledge the Progressive Conservative Members from Quebec who do have the courage to defend these interests. Hi-tech equipment at the CBC: \$10 million, \$2.5 million in Quebec. Natural gas lateral connections, and this is strictly in Quebec: an energy-related cutback of \$85 million. Parks Canada: \$19.5 million in Canada and \$4.86 million in Quebec. Capital expenditures at Fisheries and Oceans: \$18.1 million in Canada and \$4.52 million in Quebec. The "Vieux Port" in Montreal and renovation of the marina in Chicoutimi: \$3.5 million. The electrochemical institute in Shawinigan and the research institute in Edmonton: \$3.6 million in Canada and \$1.8 million in Quebec.

Mr. Speaker, if we consider the total number of cuts in all these programs . . . When the Minister of Finance announced the cutbacks, he insisted at the time that there would be more job creation and that interest rates would go down. That is not the case, Mr. Speaker. What happened? The unemployment rate went up, and not just the statistics. In the newspapers we read that the real unemployment rate is 4 per cent higher, because in Canada we have 500,000 workers who are discouraged and have not been looking for work since September 4. All of this was accomplished by the Progressive Conservatives.

The Prime Minister has been asking Canadians to live within their means, Mr. Speaker. Was the Prime Minister living within his means when he received the President of the United States in Quebec? When he had this big party, this big show just for the Conservative Members, paid for with taxpayers' money?

Another newspaper article: When we need help, Ottawa does not show up. (Roger Dagenais, from the riding of Verdun); *Le Devoir*: Research spending—Quebec is falling behind Ontario. Via Rail is Montreal's loss and Toronto's gain. That is the result.

Mr. Speaker, I see the Hon. Member for Lac-Saint-Jean (Mr. Côté) who cannot even rise from his seat to speak to the House. All he does is shout, and the people of Lac-Saint-Jean say he is not looking after his riding.

Mr. Speaker, what was the Prime Minister's priority? The first priority of the Conservatives was typical of this Prime Minister: to go out and buy new uniforms for our Canadian Forces. I say typical, because the Prime Minister's philosophy is that appearances count above all else. As far as the rest is concerned, nothing has changed. And this wasteful exercise ignored the results of a survey in which 60 per cent of Canadians were opposed to this silly decision.

Mr. Côté (Lac-Saint-Jean): I am so glad.

Mr. Malépart: I see the Hon. Member for Lac-Saint-Jean (Mr. Côté) who says he is so glad about all this.

And now for the next big decision of this Progressive Conservative Government. Regardless of all the promises they made across this country, when the Prime Minister saw that Star Trek's Captain Spock, a fellow Canadian, was more popular than he was, he decided to get into "Star Wars". Mr. Speaker, that is incredible! We do not need Star Wars. What this Government should be doing is fighting unemployment.

In an article by Lise Bissonnette in *Le Devoir*, we read: Tricky spinoffs—Are Canadians ready to agree to the militarisation of space for the sake of jobs? These are the questions the people of Quebec and Canadians in general are worried about today, Mr. Speaker, because of a Party that conducted its election campaign under false pretences. The Minister of Finance himself said in an interview that during the election campaign they did not tell the truth because they knew they were going to do the exact opposite of what they were saying. In the housing sector, there are Members in the House—and I am not referring to the new Members—who do not even know what social housing is all about. But the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mr. McDermid) knows very well that social housing is an important issue in Canada. He is aware of the importance of low-cost housing, co-operative housing, and facilities for retired and prematurely retired people, for low and average income families. Mr. Speaker, the Government is spending \$9 million for social housing, talk about the multinationals, nobody listens to the citizens.

Through rehabilitation and renovation programs, the former Canadian Government did much to improve the quality of housing and make sure that Canadians would have suitable housing at prices they could afford. This program was widely