

housing conditions for a number of non-status Indians living off the reserves and for other residents of rural Canada as well. We expect that the majority of this will be for the native people.

**Mr. Firth:** What about the north?

**Mr. Danson:** These programs are available throughout the country, and I think that it especially affects the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. This is an area with which my colleague, the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Buchanan) is concerned, and in which we are happily involved and support with our facilities. We also include those people in the north as well. They are Canadians and—

**The Acting Speaker (Mrs. Morin):** Order, please.

BANKRUPTCY—SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF THE HERITAGE OF CANADA—REASON FOR PERMITTING CLOSE ALIGNMENT WITH OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

**Mr. Bob Brisco (Kootenay West):** Madam Speaker, I do not know to whom I am addressing my remarks this evening, apart from the Chair. I should like to elaborate in respect of a Standing Order 43 motion to which I addressed myself this afternoon when I asked for a public inquiry into the Society for the Study of the Heritage of Canada. I asked why this apparent massive fraud by the Society for the Study of the Heritage of Canada was allowed to align itself with the Secretary of State's office in regard to grants, by the use of deceptive wording and stationery which would lead to the deception of all Canadians who were the victims of this slick material in that they would believe that what they were reading was in fact information provided by an agency of this government.

I asked why the Secretary of State's office was not doing any monitoring and, finally and most important, why the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner) went to this society instead of the society going to the Secretary of State. I consider this highly irregular and highly unusual. It is certainly not the Secretary of State's function to go to a society such as this and suggest that they should go into business, with the department supplying bucks. That smacks to me of something very wrong.

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Finally why did the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner) reject a grant application for a massive sum of money to bail out this company from bankruptcy last fall and then, as recently as six weeks ago, indicate to the company that they were very seriously considering re-funding them when they were already in a state of insolvency? Not only that, but the Secretary of State knew their financial status at that time. He knew it last fall, and he knew it six weeks ago when they were ready to enter the bankruptcy procedure.

Now I ask, Madam Speaker, where is the protection for the young people who were shoved across Canada by this group? What about the students from Rossland, British Columbia, or the students from Halifax, or the students from Vancouver? What protection have these students,

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who put money in and never got it back? Who is responsible for this? What kind of a program, and what kind of a situation are being allowed to continue without an investigation?

It would be fine if it were just the office of the Secretary of State involved, but we have the Minister of National Revenue (Mr. Basford) giving this society a tax certificate as a charitable organization. Where did that money go? The Minister of National Revenue handed out the certificates to 35 organizations and I bet he could not be sure of 60 per cent of them.

Why has the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (Mr. Buchanan) indicated that they have not given \$48,000 to the society? I suggest the minister should state where that \$48,000 went. I suggest that probably it went to Alberta. It probably went to the Indians and was turned over to the society for its use and subsequent abuse.

Where has the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Ouellet) been through all this charade that has been going on for three or four years? What about the complaints he has received? Has he ignored them?

Someone may think there is no need for a public inquiry because it is just a little thing, such as the department for which the Minister of Transport (Mr. Marchand) is responsible passing out free passes at the expense of the taxpayers of Canada so that these people can go across the continent and can fly to Europe 20 times a year, as was stated to me during the bankruptcy proceedings. It is not a matter of just one or two, but several of them. They do not go by economy class. Hell no; they have to go first class as often as they can.

Can you indicate to me, Madam Speaker, that there should not be a public inquiry when we wonder where the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs was, what answer the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development has in respect of the \$48,000, what answer the Secretary of State has in respect of his actions, and what answer the Minister of National Revenue has? Do you think this is not a matter of importance to the people of Canada? If so, then I must disagree.

Finally, I say that the Secretary of State is responsible to Carleton University and to Ottawa University which were conned into \$50,000 plus of expenses because they thought it was a government agency. If we take a look at the list of the Heritage Society and its advisory board we see that it reads like a Who's Who in Canada. What is going to be done about these fine names? I challenge the government to do something concrete and definite.

**Mrs. Iona Campagnolo (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development):** Madam Speaker, I am especially honoured to be able to speak tonight since the hon. member mentioned at least