

The feedback in the riding of Chambly is excellent, and I would urge all Members of this House and all Canadians to support their police forces in similar projects.

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

PLANNED TRANSFER OF PAROLE DUTIES TO JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY

Mr. John Nunziata (York South—Weston): Mr. Speaker, as you know, there is a growing concern in the Toronto area about the Government's plans to hand over important parole functions to the John Howard Society. The federal Government's privatization program in Toronto would transfer operations of the 40-bed Keele Street Centre and the 15-bed Montgomery Community Corrections Centre to the John Howard Society. As a result, public safety will in fact be jeopardized and compromised.

The John Howard Society has traditionally been an inmate advocate group using the services of volunteers, students, part-time workers, and ex-offenders. In contrast, parole officers are professional law enforcement officials whose mandate is to protect the public. Parole officers are also directly accountable to the federal Government.

Despite the fact that the privatization of parole services represents a significant departure from present government policy, there was no consultation with the Metropolitan Toronto Police. There has been no consultation to date with the Union of Solicitor General Employees, and no consultation with Members of Parliament. I call upon the Solicitor General (Mr. Kelleher) to refer this matter immediately to the Standing Committee on Justice for further consideration.

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EMPLOYMENT

CHALLENGE '86 PROGRAM—CREATION OF JOBS FOR STUDENTS

Mr. Girve Fretz (Erie): Mr. Speaker, the Challenge '86 program was very successful in providing quality work experiences for thousands of students across Canada. It appears that more than 75,000 students obtained jobs under the summer employment SEED component with the help of federal funds.

SEED is one of a number of initiatives which have helped student unemployment decrease from 17.9 per cent in 1983 to 14.1 per cent in 1985. In Erie riding, 82 employers were selected for this program, accounting for 199 jobs. The returns

of a questionnaire I sent out requesting an assessment were more than favourable and pinpointed the success of the program.

Nearly 80 per cent of the respondents stated they would not have hired someone this past summer if it were not for SEED. Everyone believes the work experience gained on the job will help prepare students for employment. Their comments included: "The SEED program is an excellent tool for employers and students". "Very beneficial", they said. "We applaud the Government's effort in this area", they said. "Anything helps, especially those—"

Mr. Speaker: Order.

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SHIPBUILDING

ICE-BREAKER CONSTRUCTION—BRITISH COLUMBIA SHIPYARDS' CLAIM

Ms. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, all parties support the building of a world class ice-breaker to service northern ports and protect Canadian sovereignty. New Democrats have advocated this for years and have been concerned at government delay.

Recent contracts for frigates have gone to Maritime and Quebec shipyards giving a much needed boost to eastern yards. In British Columbia three shipyards have closed while skilled workers are unemployed. B.C. shipyards are in desperate need of contracts to keep their operations alive.

Members of Parliament from British Columbia, of all Parties, are confident that our world class workforce and expertise in shipbuilding can meet the requirements for constructing the Polar 8 ice-breaker. We eagerly await a government announcement that it will be built in British Columbia.

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ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES READJUSTMENT ACT

TIMISKAMING RIDING BOUNDARIES

Mr. John A. MacDougall (Timiskaming): Mr. Speaker, the boundary commission will be holding hearings in Sudbury tomorrow. I will be speaking on behalf of those residents of Timiskaming; from Moosonee, Moose Factory, Verner, Black River—Matheson and Temagami. Those households, those who are involved in farms and business, want to be heard. They want to speak out loudly that Timiskaming must remain the way it is today.