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## REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### ATLANTIC ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

**Mr. André Plourde (Kamouraska-Rivière-du-Loup):** Mr. Speaker, as the Member for Kamouraska-Rivière-du-Loup, I want to say I am proud to be on the Conservative team.

Our Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) and our Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) have recognized the economic potential of the region east of Quebec.

The Atlantic Enterprise Program was received with great enthusiasm by all economic partners in the riding of Kamouraska-Rivière-du-Loup, eastern Quebec and the Atlantic region.

Thanks to this program, regional development initiatives which until now had been frozen will finally be able to come to fruition. It is a sensible initiative that was necessary, since this region had been neglected under the Liberal Government. Programs had been set up where the emphasis was on bureaucracy rather than economic impact.

The Atlantic Enterprise Program will provide job opportunities for my constituents in the very near future.

The Conservative Government deserves praise for acting responsibly, and it is certainly a change from the inertia of the previous Liberal Government.

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## THE BUDGET

### SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

**Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond):** Mr. Speaker, the future of low-income Canadians is of great concern to this Government.

Further to our commitment to direct social programs to those who need it the most, in the Budget brought down by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) the Government is proposing to pay in advance a substantial portion of the child tax credit, to assist Canadian families on low incomes and to reduce the need for tax discounting.

From now on, prepayments amounting to \$300 per child will be paid in November 1986 to families with incomes of \$15,000 or less in 1985.

This new prepayment system will reduce the waiting period for eligible families by several months. About one million families will benefit from the system.

This measure is in addition to recent changes in legislation which limit the percentage of tax refunds that may be taken by discounters. Now the poor, single mothers and welfare recipients will no longer have to resort to their services.

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## YOUTH

### REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION OF MINISTER OF STATE (YOUTH)

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, International Youth Year is over, and the champagne is flat!

**Some Hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Ms. Copps:** We know we have about 700,000 unemployed young people in Canada, and Mr. Wilson's Budget contains not a single word about the problems of the young unemployed.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) where the Minister of State (Youth) (Mrs. Champagne) is at this time? Is she here in the House? Is she in her riding? Is she speaking for youth? Obviously she is not, because we know that her Budget has been at least cut in half. This Government which promised so much to unemployed youth has done nothing about jobs in Canada.

I ask the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) to create jobs for young people. I ask the Prime Minister to request the resignation of the Minister of State (Youth), because she is not fighting for our young people. She is only fighting for her limousine and her bureaucracy.

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## PORNOGRAPHY

### CALL FOR IMMEDIATE EXCISE TAX INCREASE ON IMPORTED PUBLICATIONS

**Mrs. Jennifer Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville):** Mr. Speaker, as Members of this House will know, the struggle to impose workable restrictions upon the importation, distribution, and sale of pornographic material in Canada has been a difficult one, not least because of the question of freedom of speech under the Charter of Rights and the absence of acceptable definitions of what is and is not obscene, offensive, and dangerous to the community. Meanwhile, this material continues to pervade our country.

I, therefore, urge the Government of Canada to consider introducing an immediate increase in the federal sales and excise tax applicable to such offensive material to a rate of not less than 2,000 per cent of the average retail price of such publications. If people want or need such forms of stimulation and degradation, they can at least be prepared to pay for them.

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## CANADIAN JOBS STRATEGY

### PROJECT GUIDELINES—ELIGIBILITY OF INDIAN BANDS

**Mr. John Parry (Kenora-Rainy River):** Mr. Speaker, a number of Indian bands and native organizations within my riding have expressed concern about the strict and, at times,