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More than ever before, we realize that increased assistance for affected fishery workers is linked inextricably with the future of many communities. The department is assessing the situation to determine the type of assistance these regions will require this year. Special measures are available to genuine fishermen and fish plant workers. And eligibility requirements for these special measures are tailored to the needs of these people.

In conclusion, I want to reiterate our government's concern for the problems facing the men and women employed in Canada's fishing industry. As you can see, Madam Speaker, this concern has been translated into initiatives that offer them opportunities suited for their particular circumstances. These options are important because we are bound to assist these communities and workers who have contributed so much to this country.

Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova): I believe the hon. member is the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Employment and Immigration, and I am sure that he could send that speech home to his constituents.

In southern Ontario the Canadian Jobs Strategy might work, but I would challenge him to go down to Lockeport or to even speak to his colleague from South Shore and tell him how the Canadian Jobs Strategy or the labour project that he is talking about has helped the people who have lost in Lockeport.

The purpose of this data shows that the government's policy in fishery is not working. The fishery management plan is not working. Can the hon. parliamentary secretary explain to the House how this government has helped the people of Lockeport to earn a living there?

Mr. Kempling: Madam Speaker, this problem that we have has not just arisen this year. It has been with us for a number of years. It ebbs and flows. It is a cyclical problem and what we are endeavouring to do is to find (a) industries that will move into the Lockeport area and (b) have training programs available to retrain people to accept those industries.

When we undertake a program of this nature we have to count on some initiative at the local level. It cannot all be done by government. We do not know everything and obviously we need local assistance to help us. We have

people in the department looking at that whole fishery situation.

If I may be allowed to point to Newfoundland, which has a worst condition than in Lockeport, Nova Scotia, the job growth in Newfoundland is not just confined to the capital. During the past year the number of people of jobs in Newfoundland, outside the St. John's metropolitan area, has risen by over 9,500. The employment rate in that part of the province has fallen more than 2.1 per cent.

We have undertaken a number of initiatives in the Atlantic area. I know that some of them are going to succeed. I could not help but reflect on the comments of the member speaking before me about lobster. I just read the other day about the huge lobster market that is undeveloped in France. In fact, I read a very learned paper by a professor from the Newfoundland university about this huge market in France waiting for someone to jump on it. I do not know why we are so concerned. If we have a large crop of lobsters in P.E.I, I do not know why someone does not get on an airplane, go to France, and find out where they can sell it.

Mrs. Campbell (South West Nova): We have no airplanes left to take it. Terra Nova can't take it.

Mr. Kempling: I have seen P.E.I. lobsters in Tokyo, in the big fish market there. I have seen P.E.I. tuna. I have seen herring and herring roe in the big fish market in Tokyo. There are many areas beyond the United States, although it is the closest, where we can sell fish. There has to be some local initiative as well to assist the matter along.

Mr. Reid: Madam Speaker, one of the things that my hon. friend said in his comments was that not all programs apply in all areas. He made it very clear that perhaps the Canadian Jobs Strategy is not as applicable in some parts of the country as it is in others. He made reference to some of the very important programs that we have seen and some of the programs that are more suited again to other areas. Specific reference was made to Community Futures in Port aux Basques, which is in the Burin riding, and programs like that that have been developed to utilize local initiative.

As my friend knows, our colleague from South Shore has been very active in developing the local resources and using the people of the area. The initiative that they have developed in helping people to put that into practice and to apply it in responding to some of the