

in Tuesday's budget. Let us hope that the \$4.8 million Special Recovery Program does not end the same way.

My supplementary question is for the Minister. That particular draft legislation includes a proposed cap of 31.1 million tonnes on the amount of grain that can be shipped at lower rates. This proposal is unfair, illogical and not in the best interests of Canada as a whole. Has the Minister considered throwing this clause away.

**Hon. Jean-Luc Pepin (Minister of Transport):** Madam Speaker, the volume limitation of 31.1 million tonnes is not one of my inventions. It was a recommendation made to Gilson during their meetings and was incorporated in the Gilson report. The reason for it is very simple. There is an amount of money that the federal Government is willing to put into this plan, and the shippers, the representatives of all the producers at the Gilson exercise, said to themselves, "Let us distribute that amount of money over a certain quantity of grain." That was recommended in the Gilson report, the implication being that production over and beyond that amount would be more profitable to farmers who already were receiving a contribution from the federal Government for the basic 31.1 million tonnes. This reasoning, I thought, was quite acceptable and quite plausible.

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### THE BUDGET

#### REPORTED LIST OF SPECIAL RECOVERY PROJECTS

**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance. I have, this very moment, been handed information that confirms that Canadian Press has just transmitted through its national wire service a specific list of Special Recovery Projects to receive funding under the Minister's budget. That list apparently includes major funding for the Atlantic Regional Veterinary College to be located in my riding, a project that I have been pushing for many months, as well as references to certain other detailed projects concerning wharfs, Search and Rescue initiatives, et cetera.

My question to the Minister is this. Why a few moments ago in the House did he tell my colleague from Vancouver Centre that she and the House in general could not have such a list when evidently the media of Canada already have that list and presumably have been given it by the Minister himself? Or is this another \$200 million budget leak?

**Some Hon. Members:** Another leak.

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I have not seen the CP story but I have indicated to the House that indeed I have examined a list of projects. I have indicated that the Minister of State responsible for economic development was in the process of finalizing the consultations in this regard, and obviously many, many people in the Government of Canada are reviewing that particular list at the present time, but until announcements and decisions are made

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by the Minister of State for Economic Development, we are not in a position to make a formal announcement.

The Minister himself will make the announcement concerning related projects once he has finalized discussions with his officials. That is when the projects will be made public. I am not surprised that there may be a Canadian Press report, but as I have said, the Minister responsible for economic development will be the one to make the announcement in due time.

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#### INQUIRY WHETHER MINISTER POSSESSES LIST

**Mr. Tom McMillan (Hillsborough):** Madam Speaker, this is the second time in a week that the Minister has made a major announcement about budgetary provisions through leaks. Would the Minister tell the House if he has such a detailed list of special projects which are to receive funding under the budget? If so, would he make that list available to the House rather than leaking it through the media, or being sloppy enough to have the media leak it for him?

**Hon. Marc Lalonde (Minister of Finance):** Madam Speaker, I cannot help it if any particular journalist gets any particular information at any particular time from any particular source. I have demonstrated that quite clearly in the last few days. I can add nothing to the answer I have given to the Hon. Member than what I have said before. The Minister who is responsible will make an announcement in due time.

Take your time, my friend, you will get all the good news, including that which might affect your riding.

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### NATIONAL DEFENCE

#### ANNOUNCED ENROLLMENT OF YOUNG CANADIANS IN ARMED FORCES

**Hon. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Madam Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of National Defence. Yesterday the Minister confirmed that the Government intends to enroll 5,000 young Canadians into the Armed Forces for ten to 12 months as a measure to alleviate unemployment. The Opposition has been recommending for the past year an intake of 25,000 to 50,000. Can the Minister tell the House if this trivialization of our initiative satisfies the 108 Liberal backbenchers who petitioned him a couple of months ago to accept a plan similar to ours?

**Hon. J. Gilles Lamontagne (Minister of National Defence):** Madam Speaker, I can assure the Hon. Member that the caucus on this side of the House is very satisfied with the fact that DND has managed to get 5,000 extra men for the next year, and \$75 million. I have to add what I said to the press yesterday, that is, that in addition to this \$75 million, we have \$25 million for civilian temporary employment; we have \$16 million for cadets which will allow us to enroll this summer 8,215 more cadets. We also have the Extended Youth Training