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[Translation]

TOURISM

REGIONAL TOURIST DEVELOPMENT—THE LAURENTIANS

Mr. Fernand Ladouceur (Labelle): Mr. Speaker, I have a few comments to make on the development of the regional tourist industry.

As the House is probably aware, the riding of Labelle is blessed with abundant resources in this sector, so that tourism contributes very significantly to local incomes and job creation. In the Laurentians, the tourist industry alone generates over \$250 million in income and helps create over 15,000 jobs. The people in my riding and the main agencies involved in promoting tourism in the Laurentians, both regionally, nationally and throughout the North American continent, were delighted to hear that a new Ministry of State for Tourism had been created, and they were particularly pleased with the Government's emphasis on an industry which, on a nationwide basis, generates about \$18 billion in revenue and helps to create over 600,000 jobs.

Mr. Speaker, the tourist industry is unusually sensitive to a number of factors. Now that the Hon. Minister of State for Tourism has announced an aggressive promotion and marketing policy, and considering the new climate of detente in federal-provincial relations, I hope that, first of all, these policies will be able to provide conditions for harmonious growth and management and enhance this sector's stability, and second—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry I have to interrupt the Hon. Member, but his time has expired. The Hon. Member for Fundy-Royal.

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[English]

SHIPBUILDING

CALL FOR POLICIES TO ASSIST INDUSTRY

Mr. Bob Corbett (Fundy-Royal): Mr. Speaker, Canadian shipyards are in serious trouble. Work orders from the private sector are going off-shore and unemployment still remains high.

A significant problem for the industry is a number of loopholes left open by the previous administration. These loopholes allow foreign shipyards to continue to provide equipment to Canadian companies that could, and should, be made in Canada.

Private sector demand for Canadian built ships and equipment must increase before shipbuilding, ship repair, and allied industries can expect to see rejuvenation. This can be aided by the closure of several loopholes that operate to discourage the private sector from placing orders in Canadian yards.

I would urge the Minister responsible for shipbuilding to act on policy that would provide financial assistance for petroleum exploration activity only to companies that build equipment in Canada or maximize Canadian content; double the temporary entry duty rate to one-sixtieth a month; include duty on fishing vessels 100 feet or longer, and provide concessionary financing to domestic shipowners.

The industry was heartened by the P.C. commitment to revive shipbuilding as a major economic factor. I am confident the Government's efforts to ensure national renewal will put in place factors that will encourage our shipbuilding industry and create long-term employment. However, I would ask that these measures be implemented with speed to prevent the further loss of work.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. John V. Nunziata (York South-Weston): Mr. Speaker, let it not be said that the Conservative Government does not keep its promises. The man said: "I had a choice, I had a choice. I could have said no but I said yes. The devil is making me do it".

The man said: "Oh, there will be jobs for Liberals and New Democrats too, but only after I've been Prime Minister for 15 years and I can't find a single living, breathing Tory to appoint".

The man said: "Let's face it. There's no whore like a old whore. If I were in his position, I would have been right in there with my nose in the public trough just like the rest of them".

After some token non-partisan appointments to quell criticism, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) and his cohorts are totally immersed in the trough, fulfilling the nose-grinding duty he campaigned against during the election. This Government and this Prime Minister are drenched in hypocrisy.

He told the Canadian public that what the Liberals had done was wrong. Well, Mr. Speaker, it was wrong then, and it is wrong now. The pork barrelling should stop, but it hasn't. The list of Tories nosing in on the action grows daily: Ron Huntington, former Tory Member of Parliament, now Chairman of Canada Ports Corporation; Pierre Boutin, Mulroney associate and bag-man, now Chairman of the National Arts Centre; Huguette Pageau, wife of a long-time Mulroney supporter, now a citizenship judge; Jean Pigott, former Tory Member of Parliament, now President of the National Capital Commission—

Mr. Speaker: Order, please. I must advise the Hon. Member that his time has expired. The Hon. Member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn).