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If a criminal offence can be promoted without any response from either the police or legislators, then our country should ask itself why it bothers to have laws at all. The answer to that question is obvious. We have laws to protect those who cannot protect themselves, in this case, defenceless babies in their mothers' wombs. It is time for Parliament to make sure that our laws are enforced.

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MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

CRITICISM OF BEHAVIOUR

Mr. John Reimer (Kitchener): Mr. Speaker, the Canadian people are not amused. In fact the childish conduct of Members of Parliament, both in the House and in committee, leaves Canadians justifiably disillusioned and disgusted.

No one will deny that careful analysis, perceptive and probing questioning, and lively debate are the legitimate tools of any Member of Parliament. However, when analysis becomes innuendo, questioning deteriorates into thinly disguised accusations, and debate degenerates into a pathetic, egotistical free-for-all, then Members have abused their privileges and abdicated their responsibilities.

It is essential that we remember who we are, where we are, and why we are here. Surely all Members want Canadians to be proud of their democratic institutions and of their elected representatives. Therefore, I urge all of us to render ourselves more worthy of this House by demonstrating greater respect and common human decency.

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THE ADMINISTRATION

CONFLICT OF INTEREST GUIDELINES

Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry—Prescott—Russell): Mr. Speaker, on September 9, 1985, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) sent an open letter to Members of Parliament and Senators. He also made what was affectionately known in the House as his deathbed repentance speech on patronage. In the letter that he sent to Members of Parliament, he said the following concerning the conflict of interest guidelines:

In carrying out that responsibility the Government is directly accountable to Parliament and through Parliament to the people of Canada. You will find no quasi-independent agencies in this Code that will allow the Government to shirk its responsibility by saying that the problem belongs to someone else.

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Some eight months later the Government and the Prime Minister once again betrayed the people of Canada.

[Translation]

REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

IMPORTANCE OF SUMMITS AS MODELS FOR DISCUSSION

Mrs. Lise Bourgault (Argenteuil—Papineau): Mr. Speaker, last weekend, the Outaouais Socio-Economic Summit was held at Mont Sainte-Marie. For nearly 18 months, participants from the Papineau area in my riding have been preparing development plans and asking their provincial and federal representatives for help in implementing projects such as Highway 50, the potato packaging co-operative, Oueskarini Park, the *Centre d'observation de courte durée*, Fromagerie Agrodor, the Papineauville gymnasium, and so forth.

Mr. Speaker, all these people have volunteered their time to help improve the economy of their community. Of course, many projects will not be carried out right away, but this fine show of consultation and co-operation has given all parties involved in the Outaouais a chance to get to know each other and express their needs.

This is an experiment that bears repeating, because I think these summits are an excellent way to avoid wasting time and money. I earnestly hope that the federal Government will consider this kind of regional consultation as a model for discussions with the provinces.

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[English]

YOUTH

PROPOSED YOUTH GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops—Shuswap): Mr. Speaker, for Canada, unquestionably the richest country in the world, to have so many of our young people out of work is nothing short of immoral. The Government should not tolerate any youth unemployment in Canada. It would be well advised to initiate the proposal put forward recently by the Leader of the New Democratic Party in British Columbia who proposed a youth guarantee program which would guarantee every young person in British Columbia a choice of a full-time education, full-time training, or the opportunity for full-time steady employment. It virtually guarantees the young people of British Columbia a minimum of two years of full-time educational or on-the-job training, or a full-time job.

The \$150 million cost of implementing such a program would result in more personal taxes being paid, in more sales taxes being collected, in more corporate taxes being paid, and in more excise taxes being collected. In the end it would actually be cost effective for the Government of Canada.

To have so many of our youth on UIC, welfare, or jobless, must be considered intolerable and unacceptable. The program which Bob Skelly suggests for British Columbia young people should be implemented across Canada forthwith.