

SMALL BUSINESS

DYNAMIC POSSIBILITIES OF SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. Jean-Guy Guilbault (Drummond): Mr. Speaker, the Conservative Government will be making every effort to promote small- and medium-sized companies throughout Canada during Small Business Week, October 19 to 25, whose theme is: Managing for Success.

The week's activities will be sponsored by the Department of Regional Industrial Expansion in co-operation with the Federal Business Development Bank and other organizations such as Boards of Trade which will hold over 600 various events from coast to coast.

In recent years small business has led the way in terms of job creation in Canada. The Conservative Government is fully aware of the dynamic economic prospects of small business.

In his economic renewal statement the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) stressed the need to promote the entrepreneurship and risk-taking spirit. Therefore I invite all businessmen to meet with officials of various federal departments who will make themselves available to provide information on Government services and programs.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

NEED FOR GOVERNMENT TO SHOW GREATER JUSTICE FOR UNEMPLOYED CANADIANS

Mr. Jean-Claude Malépart (Montreal—Sainte-Marie): Mr. Speaker, the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) swore there would be no cuts in unemployment insurance benefits. So how does he reconcile that with what was said by the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. de Cotret), who clearly indicated in the document that the Government saved \$30 million on unemployment insurance benefits for pre-retirees?

Mr. Speaker, there are 50,000 Canadians whose unemployment insurance benefits have been cut following a decision by this Government.

And, Mr. Speaker, if this Government approves the Forget Report's recommendations, Quebec stands to lose \$930 million; Newfoundland, \$210 million; Prince Edward Island, \$50 million; Nova Scotia, \$130 million; New Brunswick, \$230; Saskatchewan, \$60 million; Alberta, \$130 million and British Columbia, \$430 million.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all Conservative Members to wake up and force this Government to be fairer to unemployed Canadians.

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MULTICULTURALISM

GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION TO RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION

Mr. William G. Lesick (Edmonton East): Mr. Speaker, this is my first opportunity to speak from this end of the House. The Throne Speech on October 1 renewed the Government's commitment to multiculturalism and the ethnic communities in Canada. The Government encourages the entrepreneurial spirit which characterizes our many minority communities which contribute so essentially to Canada's economic development. Any existing remnants of institutional barriers are being dismantled. This is indeed welcome news in my riding of Edmonton East with its large and varied ethnic communities.

We have taken a positive leadership role in opposing all forms of racism and discrimination. We will continue to recognize the great contribution made to Canada's social and economic fabric by our many different cultures. Mr. Speaker, multiculturalism has been and will continue to be a top priority of the Government.

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APARTHEID

SOUTH AFRICA—DISMISSAL OF WORKERS FROM MOZAMBIQUE

Mr. Dan Heap (Spadina): Mr. Speaker, last week the Government of South Africa once again tried to protect apartheid by increasing its aggression against the front-line states of southern Africa. South Africa's firing of tens of thousands of Mozambiquans working in South Africa, on top of military attacks against Mozambique by forces mounted in South Africa, may well mean outright starvation for many in Mozambique.

Canada takes pride in being in the forefront of the struggle against apartheid. The Government was warned by CIDA in February and by the Human Rights Committee this summer of the need to prepare plans for helping the front-line states, including Mozambique.

I now call upon the Government to raise Mozambique immediately from the lowest CIDA category for bilateral aid to the highest category, to reinstate CIDA humanitarian and technical aid to the African National Congress, and to rally other like-minded Governments and multilateral organizations to co-ordinate a response to South African aggression.