

Adjournment Motion

passing mark dispute, I want to say that there are jobs for young people who have the required training or who have an opportunity to obtain it. Perhaps not any job because, here again, we must still allow for the economic situation. This afternoon, I would have liked to have been able to give a list of all the government programs which this year will provide jobs for more than 55,000 young people. In any case, we must still put the situation into its correct perspective, so that our young people will not give up on the labour market. They must be given a chance to seek training in areas where opportunities for steady jobs do exist. In concluding, Mr. Speaker, I would like to read two relevant recommendations from the report of the Special Committee on Employment Opportunities for the '80s, and herein I support the views of the previous speaker. Recommendation 3 reads as follows:

● (1700)

Governments and the private sector should take steps to correct negative attitudes toward blue-collar trades; to place a high priority on on-the-job training; to provide more instructors (including older workers) for technical training; to make available up-to-date machinery and equipment for training; to reallocate resources to courses offering the greatest employment opportunities; and to establish a continuing education system where an individual can retrain and upgrade throughout a lifetime.

Recommendation 6 reads as follows, and I quote:

Apprenticeship programs should be modernized and expanded to provide for entry at an earlier age, geared to the meeting of standards, not to a time frame open to women and changed to assure completion of course and provide transferable skills.

Mr. Speaker, I support these two recommendations without reservation, and I am convinced that tens of thousands of young people would agree wholeheartedly to take advantage of the opportunities for on-the-job training which could be provided if Bill C-115, tabled in the House by the minister last Friday, is assured a quick passage through this House.

PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[English]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Blaker): It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 40, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Fundy-Royal (Mr. Corbett)—Pipelines—Building of natural gas pipeline to Atlantic provinces; the hon. member for Mississauga South (Mr. Blenkarn)—The Economy—Hearings conducted in Montreal by government ministers and supporters. (b) Responsibility for government policy; the hon. member for Burnaby (Mr. Robinson)—National Sovereignty—Allegations of CIA payments to Canadian

election candidates. (b) Request that committee study alleged CIA involvement in Canadian elections.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Thacker:

That this House condemns the government for the economic mismanagement which has led directly to the loss of 300,000 jobs since August 1981 and produced a crisis situation for students seeking summer or permanent employment, and calls on the government to accept its responsibility for this tragic mess and promote the private and public sector hiring of Canada's youth so that those attending school can afford to continue to acquire needed skills, and those graduating can immediately become productive members of the work force.

Mr. Albert Cooper (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to take part in the debate on a subject which is very important to Canadians, and certainly to our young people. I listen to the minister on a fairly regular basis because of my interest in the subject of employment and employment opportunities in Canada, but as I listened to him today I could not help but realize just how much time he spent during a 40-minute speech in referring to the Conservative Party, the NDP and all sorts of situations and difficulties other than the real problems which he has been asked to address in his particular ministry. For example, I noted today that he was 20 minutes into his speech before he got to any of the substance of the problem or the solutions that we want to consider.

He suggested that if all parties co-operate and work together, we can come up with some great policies which would go a long way toward solving the unemployment situation of our youth in Canada. That is probably a reasonable and rational suggestion, but I find it very interesting that when we look at what often happens, we find that that simply does not happen. Bill C-48, which was before this House a few months ago, was probably a very good example. In the committee stage, the government introduced over 100 different amendments and we introduced over 50. Every one of the government's amendments was accepted, but not one of ours was accepted. So that shows Your Honour what happens when we refer to co-operation between parties.

The minister asks us to support Bill C-115 to which he referred. As the hon. member for Rosedale (Mr. Crombie) has indicated, we are prepared to do so. But what is significant is that we have to depend on the minister and the President of the Privy Council (Mr. Pinard) to introduce that bill in the House. It is not for us to call it; it is up to them to do so. They like to attach all sorts of blame to other people and parties in the House of Commons, but in fact the situation rests squarely on the minister's shoulders.