

*The Address—Mr. Dingwall*

House who would oppose allocating more money for the elderly. I do not think there would be a Member here who would oppose an increase in the GIS. The elderly are those Canadians who have suffered time and time again, some having gone through two world wars. I think it only appropriate that my Government, in the remaining months, if you will, or years of our mandate, should lend emphasis to expediting additional income for those Canadians in need. I welcome, as do my constituents, additional income for those Canadians.

The Speech from the Throne has several other aspects, Mr. Speaker. It made reference to the restructuring of the fisheries and to the energy policy in Canada. The restructuring of the fisheries in Atlantic Canada is important not only in Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, but indeed in all of Atlantic Canada. I think the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans (Mr. De Bané) and the regional Minister from those Provinces have done well with their counterparts in the provincial Governments. In consultation with the fishermen and their organizations and with various groups of interested parties they have concluded agreements, which some Members may not fully appreciate or endorse, but it is a start, a renewal of an industry basic to developing and promoting the economy in Atlantic Canada. If the fisheries are not successful, the economy in Atlantic Canada will be wiped out completely.

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Much has been said about the energy policy, some of it by the Leader of the Official Opposition in various speeches which I will not go into. In Calgary he makes one speech. He makes another speech when he is in Nova Scotia. When he is in Montreal he takes on another issue. The energy policies of this Government, Mr. Speaker, have added substantially to the benefits of Atlantic Canadians and my constituents. If it were not for the agreement and understanding between the Government of Nova Scotia and the Government of Canada with regard to offshore, the economy of Nova Scotia would be completely depressed.

The Premier of that Province has no political affiliation with our Government. In fact, he is more blue than most Members on that side of the House. It is he and the present provincial Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources who have gone around the Province of Nova Scotia and alluded there to the benefits that the national energy policy has bestowed upon the people of Atlantic Canada. I believe it would be safe to say that in excess of \$2 billion has gone into the economy of Atlantic Canada as a result of the national energy policy.

The Speech from the Throne goes on to make reference to the new Department of Regional Industrial Expansion. This Department, I trust, will be able to co-ordinate the efforts and to address industrial expansion in the various regions of Canada in a very comprehensive way. I have some concerns about that, Mr. Speaker, which have been voiced by other Members, both in committee and here in the House of Commons. I will be watching very carefully how the developments in the various regions take place. I will be watching with a careful eye to make sure that the goals and aspirations which

were previously those of DRIE are re-established and put forward more vigorously in Atlantic Canada. If that is not forthcoming, I will not pontificate as do Members opposite. We will change that policy and that Department. Liberals are not like Tories. Tories talk a lot but do very little. They talk about social programs, defence and balancing the budget. In one part of the country, whatever the audience may be, they argue they are going to maintain social programs. In another part of the country they say that national defence ought to be a priority and therefore we must increase our expenditures. In still another part of the country they talk about balancing the budget. How does one maintain the social programs which this Government has put into place and made so effective and popular among the masses, increase substantially the budget of the Department of National Defence to God knows how many billions of dollars, and at the same time balance the budget?

**Mr. Malone:** By calling an election.

**Mr. Dingwall:** That is what I would call the Tory voodoo type of economics, Mr. Speaker. They are not well thought out but they are talked about a lot. The Conservative Party has a word for every constituency and region in the country. It is whatever they want to hear. Unlike the Liberal Party and the New Democratic Party, they are there by themselves. In Calgary, the Leader of the Official Opposition talked about no back-in provisions in the national energy policy and no more PIP grants. He went to Halifax, Nova Scotia and had a different story to tell. He is probably only there for a few more months because we will get rid of him in the next general election, no doubt about that. He tells the press there that he does not want to make a comment on that right now. I suppose he says to the Conservatives in that part of Atlantic Canada that the PIP grants are great. It is a policy which goes back and forth.

There is a great deal more that I would like to say. I would like to make reference specifically to the new Ministry of Youth. I am happy that the Government has taken this initiative. I would think Members opposite would probably want to applaud the Government. However, in their usual state of flux and with their usual negative posturing, they do not want to believe for a moment that there are policies and ministries created to work toward the positive aspects of the youth of our country. It is very important that on February 6 the new Minister of State for Youth (Mrs. Hervieux-Payette) said the following in a speech:

I shall certainly need the co-operation of one and all, as I entertain no illusions that the means at my disposal will alone have some magical power to solve all the problems of young Canadians. Yet I shall muster all the determination I am credited—or blamed—to possess, to carry out this mandate; I intend to promote any approach likely to improve the lot of young people, to facilitate their access to all the resources that are available now and, in general, to act as the catalyst for a brighter future increasingly within their reach.

I believe that statement by the new Minister of State for Youth is extremely important, not only for this generation but for generations to come. 1985 will be the International Year of Youth and Canadians from across the country, particularly young Canadians, will want to participate in that very impor-