

them all, giving him some satisfaction. I am sure he appreciates it is impossible for me to cover all these areas in depth. I intend to try in the minute or two available to touch on one or two of these areas, not by way of excuse but by way of explanation.

We have a problem of divided jurisdiction, of which the hon. member is well aware. That is not to say there are not real problems that need correction within the area of Newfoundland where jurisdiction is divided between the CNT and the province itself.

As an example, only a few months ago a United States base closed down in northern Newfoundland with very little notice, and the telephone system in that area was placed in serious jeopardy. Although the Department of Communications had no specific program, with the granting money available it did find \$50,000 in order to give assistance on an emergency basis, allowing continuation of service in that area.

There are programs under way to improve communications services in Newfoundland. Telephone systems are extremely expensive, however, especially when long distances are involved.

Of course I cannot answer the criticism of the hon. member concerning the Canadian Broadcasting Corpora-

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tion which is the responsibility of the Secretary of State (Mr. Faulkner).

I would point out that the Canadian Transport Commission only a week or so ago ordered a reduction in the rate increase application by B.C. Telephone. I personally, as one member of the House of Commons, was encouraged by that, and I am going to watch with interest to see how Bell Telephone is dealt with by the CTC in those hearings now under way.

I do know that the hon. member in trying to get through to his constituency from Ottawa has had some difficulty.

In conclusion I simply want to note that partly because of the use made of the telephone system by the government telecommunications agency, the long distance network serving the Ottawa area has been working at close to capacity in recent months. The telephone company is currently installing additional equipment to relieve this situation, and when this work is completed there will be a safety margin of excess capacity for some time to come. I sincerely hope that will be of assistance to the hon. member in communicating with his constituents.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The motion to adjourn the House is now deemed to have been adopted. Accordingly, this House stands adjourned until tomorrow 11 o'clock a.m.

Motion agreed to and the House adjourned at 10.17 p.m.