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the Canadian Labour Congress. So it is not a Board likely to act in the interests of the industry. Members of the industry, employers I have talked to in Toronto, say they have never heard of any of this grant money, although they could use it.

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As to the training, the Government was about to abolish four technical training courses at George Brown College last fall until members of the industry and the labour movement and the local Member of Parliament, myself, intervened, and a curious letter was sent saying, "You misunderstood. The word, 'terminate', does not mean it is ended. It just means that it is under review". Therefore, the Government is not speaking straight when it speaks of its training program. It is trying to phase out the clothing industry in the places where it exists, that is, in Ontario and in Quebec.

As to the John Inglis Program, as the Minister well knows, what I am referring to is the fact that whereas John Inglis claimed it would create 130 jobs if the Government provided funding in the takeover, it will now discontinue 250 jobs as part of the phasing of its takeover. That was recently announced. As well, questions were asked of the Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce (Mr. Lumley) in the House about a month ago as to whether the Government would require John Inglis to keep its promise in return for the money, \$3 million from here and \$1 million from Queen's Park, and we have not yet had a serious answer from the Minister.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): There is time for one brief question.

Mr. Axworthy: Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask one question of the Hon. Member, again partly to demonstrate that I do not think the House can necessarily take his statement at full face value, because I realize that he made some statements to the Toronto press about the NEED Program a few days ago, saying that nothing had been funded in his riding when, in fact, 74 projects, at a total cost of over \$7 million and providing 1,200 jobs, had already been approved for his area.

Mr. Heap: That's false.

Mr. Axworthy: As a result, I think that the Hon. Member's ability to understand what is going on in his constituency is reasonably suspect. However, I would ask him a question in this area—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. If the Hon. Member is to be given time to respond, it should be now, because the Hon. Member—

Mr. Axworthy: I am just raising a further question about the—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. I am sorry, but I think that we should allow the Hon. Member to contribute a brief reply.

Mr. Heap: Mr. Speaker, what the Minister knows but is not telling is that a great many of the programs which he attributes to Spadina are programs under the city of Toronto, Metro Toronto, the provincial Government and the City School Board. In other words, he calls jobs in Kenora or Timmins jobs in Spadina.

Some Hon. Members: Wrong.

Mr. Heap: So much for the misleading statements of the Minister of Employment and Immigration.

Mr. Fisher: Do you know where your own riding is?

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. For debate, I recognize the Hon. Member for Parry Sound-Muskoka.

Mr. Darling: Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Fisher: I rise on a point of order. Would it not be in order for the Hon. Member for Montreal-Mercier (Mrs. Hervieux-Payette) to be recognized at this stage? It seems to me that she was on her feet.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. As Hon. Members know, the Chair is given considerable discretion in recognizing Hon. Members. Hon. Members, of course, must stand. I was seated in the Chair about half an hour ago and I was informed at that time that the Hon. Member for Parry Sound-Muskoka should be the Hon. Member to speak following the Hon. Member for Spadina (Mr. Heap). In any case, there will be time for the Hon. Member for Montreal-Mercier to be recognized.

Mr. De Bané: I rise on a matter of privilege, Mr. Speaker. I readily recognize that I cannot say it is a question of privilege that the Hon. Member for Spadina does not know what is going on in his own riding. But surely it is a point of privilege to say that when he alleges that an Hon. Member from this side misled the House, and that is the word he used, Your Honour should ask him to withdraw that word, even if the other one, that he does not know what is going on in his own riding, is asked seriously, but—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): Order. I appreciate the Minister's comments, but the word "mislead" is currently used. As long as the qualification "deliberately" is not attached, to the word "mislead" it is quite acceptable in parliamentary practice.

Mr. Fisher: I rise on a point of order. Mr. Speaker, I recognize that you are working from a list. I wonder if it would be possible to supplement the list with the observation that we have heard an Hon. Member from the Opposition speaking, and now I believe it would be normal for an Hon. Member from the Government to speak, given the normal rotation of speakers, despite whatever some list may say.

Mr. Beatty: I wish to rise on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Corbin): I wish to respond briefly to the comment just made by the Parliamentary Secretary and, of course, time is flying by.