

effectively to reverse this OECD prediction, bearing in mind that Canada has bountiful resources which are second to none compared with the other industrialized nations which OECD reviewed?

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, we do not agree with the OECD prediction. Most of the forecasters in the Canadian private and public sectors are predicting a growth of approximately 5 per cent for next year.

**Mr. Clark:** You are the only one.

**Mr. Chrétien:** No, sir.

**Mr. Clark:** Name one.

**Mr. Chrétien:** The Conference Board of Canada, and the Conference Board of the United States. The other day, in Toronto, the question was put to Mr. Rockefeller and he said—

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Chrétien:** Well, I did not know him. I did not ask the question. He is not a pal of mine.

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Chrétien:** I met him after his statement. He said that their private study concluded there would be more growth next year in Canada than in the United States.

**Mr. Stevens:** Mr. Speaker, my final supplementary question is directed also to the Minister of Finance. I should like to point out that the bankers he has been talking to are not among the unemployed of this country.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Some hon. Members:** Oh, oh!

**Mr. Stevens:** As an estimated \$1.2 billion is being paid out currently in various tax credits by this government and incentives to promote employment, and according to the government's own estimate there is another \$1 billion going out for various make-work projects, government training projects, etc., will the Minister of Finance indicate whether his department or any department has undertaken the monitoring of those various programs to determine if we are actually getting the results we should from over \$2 billion worth of incentives to try to correct the unemployment situation in this country?

**Mr. Chrétien:** Mr. Speaker, I am very glad the hon. member is at least recognizing now that we have put into the Canadian economy \$2 billion of incentives. Of course we are monitoring this on a daily basis. A study is being conducted by the Department of Finance and the Department of Employment and Immigration. We are following that position very closely. If something has to be changed, we will be happy to do it.

### Oral Questions

#### EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

##### PRIME MINISTER'S KNOWLEDGE THAT SOVIET SATELLITE CONTAINED NUCLEAR PACKAGE

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Prime Minister. When the Prime Minister visited the NORAD headquarters at Colorado Springs in late December, was he advised that the Russian Cosmos satellite carried a nuclear package, that it was in difficulty and likely to crash?

**Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, when I finished my visit at NORAD in Colorado Springs, I gave a press conference indicating that I had been briefed not only on the problem of air defence, which is the subject of NORAD—air defence essentially against bombers—but that the officials at NORAD had gone further and had gone into a great deal of briefing concerning space and problems of space. At the time I indicated that Canada was fortunate, indeed, to be able to share a lot of the information regarding space because it was in NORAD, but which under NORAD—

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**An hon. Member:** Now answer the question.

**Mr. Trudeau:** I am answering the question. If the hon. gentleman could follow the reasoning, he would see that I am answering the question, but it calls for a little bit of attention. In indicating that they had briefed me on space, I would only go as far as saying that they did tell me they were monitoring all the man-made garbage up there and they knew exactly what it was doing. They knew that some of it had already fallen and some would fall again. They went into some detail which I do not think is appropriate for me to go into.

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#### NATIONAL DEFENCE

##### MINISTER'S KNOWLEDGE THAT SOVIET SATELLITE CONTAINED NUCLEAR PACKAGE

**Mr. Allan B. McKinnon (Victoria):** Mr. Speaker, it seems rather clear that the briefing the Prime Minister received was the garbage. I should like to direct a supplementary question to the Minister of National Defence. Considering that the Prime Minister claims the briefing he got at Colorado Springs, as referred to in *Hansard* yesterday, would indicate they were extremely forthcoming in talking to him about space garbage, when did the Minister of National Defence know there was a nuclear package aboard the Cosmos satellite, and when did he know it was going to crash?

**Hon. Barney Danson (Minister of National Defence):** Mr. Speaker, I knew at the end of last week that there was a nuclear package aboard, and I knew that it was disoriented in orbit and was likely to come down somewhere on earth, possibly in Canada and possibly in the South Atlantic, last