

Mr. Speaker, if this is a meaningless matter for the Government which is spending billions of dollars, it is not a meaningless matter for the unemployed. We know that this Government has reduced the budget by \$200 million at the expense of young and older unemployed in Canada.

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I arrived in my constituency office in Hamilton this morning to pick up a stack of applications concerning the so-called summer seed program, the Conservatives' answer to job creation in Canada. With the applications was a little notice from the Department suggesting that within literally the next six hours I was to determine whether or not these were valid projects which would contribute to the Canadian economy and to the assistance and education of our young people.

I wish to tell Hon. Members that when I see the Government talking about its new form of job creation and I am faced with consultation concerning literally dozens of applications from the Dairy Queen, I hardly think this is the new method of privatization for Canadians. I have nothing against the Dairy Queen. I had a summer job working at a Dairy Queen when I was a young student. Yet we see the same members of the Government standing here in the House of Commons day after day justifying the cutting, the virtual assassination, of the Katimavik program. This was a program which reached out to young people across the country. The Government cut it on the grounds that it would cost \$10 million. I think that is an utter disgrace.

I am happy to see that the Hon. Member for Burlington (Mr. Kempling) is here in the House. As well, I received a note, and I think the public should be made aware of the so-called job-creation program, which states that the Hon. Member for Burlington announced this week a grant of \$38,515 to train two unemployed individuals, one as a kennel assistant and the other as an animal control licensing officer. The announcement appeared in the *Burlington Post* of Sunday, March 2. It is a big announcement, part of the Government's new job-creation program.

Essentially, this announcement refers to the spending of more than \$17,000 per job for the creation of a position of dog-catcher and licensing agent. This at a time when Government Members have the gall to stand in the House of Commons and argue that the Katimavik program had no merit because it took unemployed young people who had no hope and sent them on job experiences across the country. The Government now plops down close to \$38,000 to hire a kennel officer. The Government's priorities are totally skewed.

I realize I should not be so concerned about this. I cannot believe that the Government is asking us today to pass the borrowing authority Bill in order that we can turn over billions of dollars to the Government which is supposedly bent on the new focus of privatization and job-cutting. In one area the Nielsen task force report was right in that it pointed out the \$16 billion in giveaways to corporations. One can see that the corporations are hot to trot. They will be in there at the public trough. With respect to these new government programs, the Oshawa group has applied for summer job-creation programs

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throughout the whole of Ontario so that it can teach people how to stock grocery shelves. The Government is cutting and slashing Katimavik and forcing a Senator to his knees in the lobby of the Senate at the same time as—

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Some Hon. Members: Oh, oh!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order.

Ms. Copps: —at the same time as the Government is telling the public we should pay the Oshawa group so it can teach people how to stock grocery shelves.

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): Oh, grow up.

Ms. Copps: I am being told by the Hon. Member for Ottawa-Carleton (Mr. Turner) to grow up. I would like to tell him, if he is interested in job creation for young people, that he had better take a second look at these programs—

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): We've done more for your people than you turkeys did in 20 years.

Ms. Copps: —these programs that are supposed to be reflective of a new Conservative approach to privatization. I see that the Dairy Queen, 7-Eleven or another multinational conglomerate will be getting hundreds of jobs paid for by the taxpayers so that people can work for \$4 per hour or the minimum wage, whichever is less, because, according to the Government program, they have to pay minimum wage. We see that we will be hiring people to work as clerks in stores. If the people of Canada could go through these job-creation programs, which were plopped on my desk and which I was given approximately six hours to analyse—

Mr. Turner (Ottawa-Carleton): That's all I got.

Ms. Copps: That's all you did get. I would like to know from the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald) why she is calling upon Members, through this farcical consultation, to approve the hundreds and indeed thousands of projects just so that she can rise in the House to announce them when in fact there has been no planning. Hon. Members were given approximately two weeks. My original letter to the Minister on the new Challenge '85 program crossed my desk some time around February 28 and I was advised at that time that I had approximately seven days to contact every employer in my riding so that they could take advantage of these programs.

I suggest that there are some good private sector programs here. There are some private sector employers who have taken the time to analyse and develop a program that will be for the good of the workers involved. For example, Provincial Kitchen Cabinet Custom Woodworking Limited is run by a gentleman by the name of Louis Tonello from my riding. He has put together a project that will give a young person a chance to learn custom woodworking. That is a viable and well directed private sector program. However, people are looking for