

am concerned about, however, and quite frankly, I think the financial institutions in question should be satisfied with a three-month payment, and I am now re-examining—

[English]

**Mr. Riis:** Do something. You said you would do something in this House.

**Mr. Lalonde:** Madam Speaker, the Hon. Member should be as polite as I was in listening to his question and try to listen to my answer. It will not cost him anything.

[Translation]

Madam Speaker, I said that I was re-examining the situation in the light of the fact that a number of institutions do not seem to be willing to co-operate.

I am discussing the matter with my colleague, the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, and we are trying to find out whether there are any specific measures that should be taken in this respect.

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[English]

#### LABOUR CONDITIONS

##### UNEMPLOYMENT IN BOW RIVER CONSTITUENCY—ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Employment and Immigration. In 1982, 685 people were unemployed in Bow River and we received a grant of \$200,000. In 1983, 1,893 people were unemployed and we received a grant of \$100,000. Could the Minister outline the formula that gives this result?

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Yes, Madam Speaker. Indeed, the formula is outlined in the correspondence that was sent to the Hon. Member and he might refer to it. In the allocation of funds under the Canada Works Program, which is the equivalent of the Community Development Program of the past, a minimum of \$100,000 was spent for the constituency and the rest of the funds was allocated to those areas which had a higher than average labour surplus rate. The information is contained in the material that has already been sent to the Hon. Member. He can find it in great detail in that kit.

**Mr. Taylor:** Madam Speaker, it is an odd formula that provides that, the higher the unemployment, the lower the grant.

##### APPLICATION OF GRANT FORMULA

**Mr. Gordon Taylor (Bow River):** Madam Speaker, I should like to ask the Hon. Minister if the same formula is used in the ridings held by Liberal Members.

**Hon. John Roberts (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Yes, Madam Speaker, the answer is—

#### Oral Questions

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

**Mr. Roberts:** The answer is yes, Madam Speaker. I admit that this sometimes brings forward rather bizarre results.

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

**Mr. Nielsen:** Look at them all over there.

**Mr. McDermid:** Keep going.

**Mr. Roberts:** For instance, the allocation to the constituency of Central has dramatically increased this year.

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#### UNITED EMPIRE LOYALISTS

##### BICENTENNIAL ACTIVITIES IN ONTARIO

**Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington):** Madam Speaker, my question is for the Secretary of State. On previous occasions I have asked the Minister what he would do to assist the United Empire Loyalists' bicentennial activities in the Province of Ontario during 1984. At that time he indicated the possibility of joint financing. What is the Government presently doing to encourage United Empire Loyalists' bicentennial activities in the Province of Ontario during 1984?

**Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State):** Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce to the House that I have already written to the Intergovernmental Affairs Minister of Ontario to announce that the Canadian Government would participate in the celebration of the centennial of the major early settlements of Ontario. There is no doubt but that in forthcoming days a detailed statement will come from us explaining how the plans will be implemented.

**Mr. Vankoughnet:** Madam Speaker, this event marks a very significant and important aspect of the heritage of Canada, and I certainly hope the Minister will take it under consideration very soon.

##### FUNDING OF CELEBRATIONS

**Mr. Bill Vankoughnet (Hastings-Frontenac-Lennox and Addington):** Madam Speaker, I should like to ask the Minister what plans are under way to make funds available. Does the Minister have anything concrete to tell us? Many municipalities, organizations and individuals are making plans, but they do not know how far to go. Does the Minister have anything to tell them now—not weeks or months from now, but today?

**Hon. Serge Joyal (Secretary of State):** Yes, Madam Speaker. Our plans are twofold. Money will be made available for the enrichment of already existing programs such as that of the Canada War Museums which has put together an exhibition on the Loyalist history of the country, that will tour Ontario; the enrichment of the Fort William activities; the