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I urge all levels of Government and organizations to collaborate on these initiatives to protect our youth and the social fabric of Canadian society.

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EMPLOYMENT

CRITICISM OF JOB-CREATION PROGRAMS

Mr. Ernie Epp (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, one of my Thunder Bay constituents sent me the following letter a couple of weeks ago:

I recently saw Prime Minister Mulroney speak on national television, stating he had created 560,000 jobs since his election in the fall of 1984.

I would like to remind him on behalf of the unemployed youth of Canada that many of those jobs pay minimum wage and are often temporary.

Since 1984 I have personally been employed through not one but four Government programs (it was not due to incompetence that I was released from these jobs, but simply because the organizations I was employed by already had a "permanent" staff and could not afford to hire an extra worker).

It makes one wonder how many other Canadian youths have been nickled and dimed to death by Mr. Mulroney's "job-creation programs", and yet he's so very proud of himself for creating so many jobs.

This critical letter speaks for thousands of young Canadians whose hopes for good, permanent jobs have not been fulfilled. They are angered by a Government that spends more energy taking the credit for jobs that low-interest rates have created than it does taking the actions that remain necessary if young Canadians are to find the work they want and deserve.

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CREDIT UNIONS

ACTIONS OF ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Mr. John Oostrom (Willowdale): Mr. Speaker, this spring our Conservative Government took courageous action when we rescued and saved deposits and pensions of many credit unions, co-ops, farmers, and labour unions when two western banks collapsed. Contrast this courageous action with the anti-credit union, anti-labour and anti-business action by the Liberal Ontario Government when its Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, Monte Kwinter, indicated in public forums that he will take away hard earned profits and share dividends of Ontario credit unions.

Located in my Willowdale riding are the DUCA Community Credit Union, the Municipal and Police Credit Unions. These and the Polish and Ukrainian Credit Unions resent the attempts of the Ontario Liberal Government to legislate away

these hard earned profits and dividends to cover fees, insurance premiums, reserves and interest charges.

My constituents and I urge the federal Minister of State for Finance (Mr. Hockin) to tell the Ontario Government to stop these anti-union, anti-caisse-populaire and anti-business actions immediately.

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CANADA POST CORPORATION

REQUEST FOR REFERRAL OF CORPORATE PLAN TO COMMITTEE

Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard—Anjou): Mr. Speaker, the Minister responsible for Canada Post announced that the matter of postal rate increases would be referred to a committee of the House for review. Why did he not include the matter of the new community super mailbox for review? If yesterday's announcement is not a farce, why does the Minister not refer the whole corporate plan to the House committee for review?

[Translation]

Why is the Minister refusing to do anything for the many communities who have no door-to-door delivery service, as in Saint-Léonard and Ville d'Anjou, on Montreal Island, in the ridings of Mercier and Longueuil and in so many other communities? Why doesn't he give them door-to-door delivery? Is he going to tell them they are second-class citizens?

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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY—NDP LEADER'S LETTER

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, when our Government made the decision to turn our Canadian pharmaceutical sector into a dynamic and first-class industry, leading to an unprecedented increase in the number of jobs in research and development, *Le Devoir Économique* of October 1986 mentioned 3,000 high-level jobs and \$1.4 billion in investment. And now, the Leader of the New Democratic Party sends a three-page letter, in English only, to all Canadians, except Quebecers, to object to this plan.

This is one more NDP inconsistency. Their party doesn't want 3,000 new jobs and prefers to ignore 27 per cent of Canadians: six million Quebecers.

It is also an insult to Quebec's economy, Mr. Speaker, and Quebecers will never forget this affront by the socialists.