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Mr. Speaker in the Chair

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker,

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of
Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to inform the House that as of today, May 17, the tourist information centres administered by the Department of Development's tourism branch are opened to the public across this Province. For the information of the House, these centres are located at Whitbourne, Clarendville, Notre Dame Junction, Deer Lake and Port aux Basques. The Department of Development also operates a tourist information office in North Sydney, Nova Scotia,

Centres will be opened to the touring public for approximately six days at short staff, but all staff will be in place for the May 23 holiday. Centres will then remain open until September 30 of this year with the exception of the one at Port aux Basques, which will be opened until October 31.

Another programme of the Department of Development will commence on June 1, when tourist information officers begin their duties on Gulf ferries that are now operating and on other ferries as they are put into service. I would advise the House that this service will continue until August 31, 1983.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Leader of the
Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we welcome the fact

MR. NEARY: that the parks will be open in time for the May 24 weekend which, as hon. members know, is really the first long weekend that people in this Province can -

MR. WINDSOR: Not the parks, the chalets.

MR. NEARY: - the chalets, rather, will be opened.

MR. WINDSOR: There is a difference.

MR. NEARY: Yes, there is a difference.

I notice the one in Port aux Basques is included in the group. There is not much else we can say about it, Mr. Speaker. If that is all the news that the administration has to announce today.

MR. TULK: Is that the good news for today?

MR. NEARY: Is that the good news for today, Mr. Speaker? I do not know if it is going to help the students or the unemployed in the Province, Mr. Speaker.

ORAL QUESTIONS

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, yesterday we were severely scolded by the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall), the Government House Leader, for the way we ask questions in this House. This is the people's House. I suppose we have a right to ask questions, unless the hon. gentleman would like for us to go down in the taverns and ask the questions. Mr. Speaker, we are not getting very satisfactory answers, I might say, from hon. gentlemen there opposite. Yesterday I dealt with the Buchans Task Force. Today I am going to deal with the report of the Task Force on the Baie Verte Peninsula.

MR. NEARY: Perhaps to the government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) to start out, Mr. Speaker, I will put a very simple question. I am sure he will understand the question. I think the question will be in order. I do not need to be scolded. The hon. gentleman does not have to get nasty about it or rude. All the hon. gentleman has to do is to tell the House how many of the fifty recommendations made by the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force have been implemented to date?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I did not scold the hon. gentlemen opposite for the way that they asked questions. I scolded the hon. gentlemen there opposite for the way their Leader (Mr. Neary) asked questions. I feel somewhat in the same frame of mind as the young people at the convention in Gander felt that there should be a leadership convention.

Now, Mr. Speaker, with respect to that specific question that the hon. gentleman asked, me let me say this, that the Task Force was commissioned by this government and the Task Force's recommendations have been taken very seriously by this government. And what we are endeavouring to do is to see that every recommendation which has practical application and can in fact be implemented, is in fact being implemented. And if the hon. gentleman has not noted the efforts that we have made on the Baie Verte Peninsula, as well as over the rest of Newfoundland, but with respect to the Baie Verte Peninsula, I mean he has a shining example of the way in which, through the leadership of the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) and the government, we dealt with the mine closure out there in the Baie Verte area.

MR. MARSHALL: He should have an understanding as well with respect to the development and the way in which we are carrying on the construction of the Cat Arm project, he should have an idea of what this government's policies are when he reviews our fisheries policy as to what we are trying to do for the Baie Verte Peninsula as well as other places. He should have an idea, if he looks at the way in which the forestry policy of this Province has been conducted, as to what we are doing.

Mr. Speaker, we are doing every thing we can for the Baie Verte Peninsula as well as for all parts of this Province to see that it is developed and to see that there is some sensible way for resource development in this Province.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Leader of the Opposition, a supplementary.

MR. NEARY: I just have to say for the edification of the hon. gentleman, that when we do decide to have a leadership convention, we will not do a repeat of what the Tories did in Winnipeg, Mr. Speaker, we act more statesmanlike than that.

MR. HODDER: We do not wash our dirty linen out in public, Mr. Speaker.

MR. NEARY: We do not wash our dirty linen out in public, Mr. Speaker.

I wonder if the hon. gentleman could be a little more specific and tell the House what projects his administration consider to be of a practical nature that can be implemented? Would the hon. gentleman give me an example of one or two projects, out of the fifty recommendations that were made by the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force, that are actively being pursued by the administration?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I am obviously not going to answer general questions in specific terms with relation to fifty specific recommendations. If the hon. gentleman wants to pose specific questions to me about this or about any other matter, if I can answer I will, if I cannot not I will take notice of them, and if I cannot answer immediately and one of the other hon. ministers can, I am sure they would be quite happy to respond to him.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, obviously the hon. gentleman probably has never read the report. I doubt very much if the hon. gentleman can tell this House - there are fifty recommendations - I am asking the hon. gentleman to get up and tell the House -

MR. MARSHALL: Twenty questions.

MR. NEARY: - and just give me one example - I will be easy on the hon. gentleman - give me one recommendation.

MR. WINDSOR: That is not a question.

MR. NEARY: It is a question. Can the hon. gentleman tell the House one of the fifty recommendations made by the Task Force?

MR. MARSHALL: This is examination time, is it?

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker.

MR. NEARY: No, Mr. Speaker, I asked the hon. President of the Council, the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall).

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, it is entirely within the right of the hon. Government House Leader to refer a question to any other minister, if it addresses an issue for which the minister has responsibility

MR. NEARY: No, no.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. WINDSOR: The hon. gentlemen obviously does not want the information, Mr. Speaker, any more than they did in my Estimates.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!
The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, we just want to show the House and show the people of this Province just how little they know about what is going on.

I will raise one myself. What about the research into the production of seal meat? That was to be vigorously pursued by a high-powered salesman to be engaged by the provincial government to establish an international market for seal meat. Could the hon. gentleman tell the House if that was done?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, that is under consideration and has been pursued by the Department of Fisheries and by the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan). As a matter of fact, the hon. gentleman knows full well that the Minister of Fisheries and the Department of Development have made statements with respect to that from time to time. Look, we are doing everything we possibly can with respect to the fostering of the sealing industry in this Province for the processing of seal meat and the enhancement of markets for the seal fishery. The hon. gentleman knows that full well.

MR. NEARY: Supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: Supplementary, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, obviously the hon. gentleman, like his colleague the Minister

MR. NEARY:

of implementing the potential tourist industry on the Baie Verte Peninsula? Could the hon. gentleman tell us what is being done about that recommendation?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, we are doing everything we possibly can with respect to the development of tourism in this Province. It is under the aegis right now of the very energetic minister who has done a lot with respect to tourism in this Province, as well as tourism on the Baie Verte Peninsula. I think the unfortunate part about all of this today is it just goes to show that the hon. gentleman is smarting over the fact that he made certain remarks yesterday with respect to the offshore that were out of order, that he should not have made, and I made a certain comment on radio stations with respect to it and it has obviously resulted in an avalanche of abusive telephone calls coming to the hon. gentleman telling him to act like a Newfoundlander rather than a Liberal, and he is trying to vent his spleen during the Question Period. You know, we have done all that we possibly can with respect to tourism on the Baie Verte Peninsula, as elsewhere; we will continue to do so. If the hon. gentleman has any questions concerning any specific programmes, I suggest if he really wants to find out information with respect to the ongoing specifics of any programme, that he direct them to the minister responsible who very competently acquits his responsibilities in this area, the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor).

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Leader of the Opposition, a supplementary question.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, any phone calls that

MR. NEARY: I had were very complimentary phone calls, by the way, people calling me reminding me that there are forty-four members sitting on that side of the House, elected in a one-issue election and that was to negotiate an offshore agreement. And they are sitting back there now and yesterday it was confirmed -

MR. WINDSOR: Question.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - the point that was made yesterday is that this administration, Mr. Speaker -

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Question, question.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. NEARY: - does not have a handle on what is going on. That is the significant point that was made yesterday. And all the calls, and I do not think I had any more than a half a dozen, were all complimentary.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman invites me to be a little more specific on projects. Well, what about recommendation 3(2) in that report, that the feasibility of expanding Flat Water Pond Provincial Park be investigated? What is being done about that recommendation, if anything?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: If the hon. gentleman wants to, there is a procedure whereby if he wants to put real, specific questions that require answers in detail, all he has to do is put them on the Order Paper. He can either do one or two things, Mr. Speaker: He can put them on the Order Paper if he wishes to; he can direct them to the minister responsible if he really wants an answer; and, if he is dissatisfied with any of the answers, he can put them on the Late Show, which has not been used for the past six weeks.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

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MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker, surely these matters must be discussed in Cabinet and policy decisions must be made on this very important report of the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force. I do not care who answers the question.

MR. NEARY: What about Flat Water Pond provincial park? What action is being taken on that recommendation?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, just to show how badly the hon. gentleman opposite is in need of information, he should know that provincial parks come under the aegis of my colleague, the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms). He does not even know that. He does not know who is responsible for what. He does not know who is minister for what. He did not know who is responsible for oil and gas a couple of months ago. He does not know who is responsible for Tourism, and now he does not even know who is responsible for parks. What a terrible display, Mr. Speaker, by the Leader of the Opposition. The fact of the matter is that Flatwater Park, as well as all other parks in this Province, do come under my colleague, who is doing everything possible to expand these parks. And, in fact, I think, some increased effort will be put into provincial parks over the next number of years as funds permit. Obviously he is operating under that restriction. The hon. gentleman can refer that question to my colleague at a later date perhaps.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, let it be recorded that the hon. Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) leaped into the fray there a few moments ago and told us that we were afraid to ask him questions about these matters because we might get the information. So I put the question to the hon. gentleman and what was the answer I got? It does not come under him, it comes under his colleague. So I have to go back again to the President of the Council,

MR. NEARY: the acting Premier, Mr. Speaker, because I am sure if ministers attend the Cabinet meetings that these matters must have come up for discussion in Cabinet, Mr. Speaker.

MR. TULK: Tell them to operate as a team over there.

MR. NEARY: Yes, where is the team work? Does the right hand know what the left hand is doing? What about a provincial park or a privately subsidized park that was to be situated at the Eastern end of the Baie Verte Peninsula? The Task Force noted that by governmental and local initiative there can be a viable tourist industry in that area. Now what about that privately subsidized park? Has any action been taken on that, could the hon. gentleman tell us?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Now, Mr. Speaker, what an exercise for the Question Period. You can drag out all sorts of questions from various reports such as the hon. gentleman is doing now and ask specific questions such as he is asking now. I would suggest, if the hon. gentleman wants any specific response, he can place it on the Order Paper. I can only say that the government is doing everything it possibly can in this Province, on the Baie Verte peninsula and elsewhere,

MR. MARSHALL: to develop the Province in the best manner possible, including the provision of a park of the nature that the hon. gentleman referred to, and we shall continue to do so, but we are being hampered, Mr. Speaker, in our efforts to develop this Province because of a lack of financial resources. We have abundant resources but the returns from these resources hampers us. So as soon as we get enough funds to be able to respond to the recommendations in that report, as well as the recommendations in many other reports, we will respond to them.

Now, in the meantime, I suggest that the hon. gentleman might like to get along to other questions of import to the Province such as the prime one with respect to the way in which we can enhance our resource development and get the optimum return to the people, which would bring about the very things to which he is addressing his question.

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition, a supplementary question.

MR. NEARY: Obviously, not only does their right hand not know what their left hand is doing, but I do not think their right hand knows what their right hand is doing over there. I hope that the Ocean Ranger Commission of Inquiry report does not meet the same fate as the Buchans Task Force report and the one we are discussing now.

Mr. Speaker, what could be more important, for instance, for this Province and the Baie Verte Peninsula than reforestation? And one of the main recommendations of the Task Force had to do with an intensive reforestation programme being implemented by the government on the Baie Verte Peninsula. Now, Mr. Speaker, the Task Force noted - and I am glad the hon. gentleman mentioned the

MR. NEARY: forest industry because now we are putting the ball right back in his ball park again - that so little has been done to replenish the forests that the Task Force were very concerned about this. 'There are no signs of any attempts at reforestation on the Baie Verte Peninsula,' they said, 'although spruce buds are being taken from the Peninsula for reforestation elsewhere. Some of our informants believe that within ten years the supply of timber will be gone.' Now, that is a pretty critical matter, Mr. Speaker, and the hon. gentleman raised it himself. And what is being done about this recommendation that an intensive reforestation programme be implemented by the government on the Baie Verte Peninsula?

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the President of the Council,

MR. MARSHALL: Now, Mr. Speaker, as anybody who is so close to his friends in Ottawa should know, it is the hon. gentleman who should know what has happened in the reforestation programme.

The reforestation programme was a programme that had been proposed by this administration and the previous administration as a means of regenerating our natural resources

MR. MARSHALL:

in this Province. It had been accepted and it was a very beneficial programme for about two or three years. After two or three years - four or five years at the very most - the programme in effect was cancelled so that we did not have the funds available in order to be able to do the necessary reforestation that our forests need. Apparently, from the perspective of 1,700 miles away, just as they cannot see ice when ice conditions occur, so they expect trees to grow to their full length and full maturity in five years. That not only does not happen anywhere in Canada, Mr. Speaker, it does not happen here. The hon.

gentleman has the consummate gall to get up in this House and ask about reforestation programmes when at the same time he knows full well that we had a very imaginative programme for the reforestation of this Province under DREE, a very imaginative programme which both the federal and provincial governments had co-operated on, which had been a great contribution to this Province and one that we had wished would continue on year after year, but these wishes are in vain, as the hon. gentleman knows, and the reason why we are not doing reforestation to the extent that we would like is because of the cutoff of this particular programme through no fault of ours. So, yes, Mr. Speaker, we agree wholeheartedly with that recommendation as well as many recommendations of others, but in order to realize and to carry them out we have to get money, and in order to get money, Mr. Speaker, there are only two sources, from the people of the Province or from their resources. The people of the Province are already overtaxed as it presently exists and the only other place we can get money from is our resources. And can you imagine, Mr. Speaker, anybody with the consummate gall of the hon. member there opposite to get up and ask

MR. MARSHALL: us what we are doing in those circumstances when he is supporting the very people who are trying to deprive us from a just return from the resources which we brought into Confederation with us.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. NEARY: A supplementary, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the Leader of the Opposition, a supplementary.

MR. NEARY: The hon. gentleman really put his foot in it this time, because recommendation number 5 of the Task Force has to do with the setting up of a mine and a smelter on the Baie Verte Peninsula for the realization of silicon, to set up a silicon industry in La Scie. Now there is an opportunity for the government without bringing in national or international companies, and the Premier could show that he is not dictating the terms to any private company; the government can undertake to set up this mine and this smelter down there. There is a large deposit of silica there proven in the ground, Mr. Speaker. The deposit is owned by the Crown. If the hon. gentlemen want revenue, why did they not act on recommendation Number 5, Mr. Speaker. We are told there are 900,000 tons of silcon that

MR. NEARY: can be extracted on the Baie Verte Peninsula And they are looking for revenue! I bet you, Mr. Speaker, up to this very moment they did not even know that recommendation was in the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force Report. They did not know. They should do their homework, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

MR. NEARY: They come into this House ill-prepared, they are unable to answer questions and then they get up and sulk in a rude and nasty -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

The time for Question Period is for asking questions and receiving information. I would ask the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) to put his question to the hon. minister.

MR. NEARY: What about this silicon industry where the government can get new revenue and new dollars can be generated? What are they doing about it? Or is the hon. gentleman ill-prepared, has not done his homework, and the first time he heard of this proposal is now when I mentioned it in this House?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I am not the first Bill I know of in living memory to speak about silica. But, Mr. Speaker, the silica industry in LaScie; look the fact of the matter is there are problems at the present time with respect to markets, Once again it comes down to the hon. gentleman living in a airy-fairy world. He must realize in order to realize any kind of development there has to be capital, there has to be either public or private capital, and public or private capital depends upon the markets, public or private capital depends upon the attractiveness of the investment as it presently exists.

MR. MARSHALL: There is no way in which this government will not exert every possible effort to develop every possible resource, including the silicon industry in La Scie, but the fact of the matter is that world conditions are such that it is not immediately feasible. That will not stop us from operating and seeing what we can possibly do to bring it about, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

Before I recognize the hon. member, I wonder if he will permit me to welcome to our public galleries twelve students and two teachers - Mrs. Warren and Mr. Parsons - from the Curling Junior High School in the districts of Bay of Islands and Humber West.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Environment (Mr. Andrews). I understand the minister is out in the lobby. If someone would tell him to come in, I have a question for him. I am satisfied to wait. Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Environment was just out in the common room or out in the hallway, so I am satisfied to wait and pose my question to the Minister of Environment.

MR. DINN: Can you not think of another question while you are waiting?

MR. WARREN: No, I have a question for the Minister of Environment.

MR. DINN: Okay.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!
Does the hon. member have
a question?

MR. DINN: I will write one down for the
hon. member to ask.

MR. WARREN: Thank you.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, my question is
to the Minister of Environment (Mr. Andrews). During this
time of year most town councils are planning a clean-up
programme. I understand the minister made a statement
recently saying that he hoped that most councils would
try to clean things up, especially for the 400 anniversary.
I am just wondering does the minister this year have on
hand a larger supply of plastic garbage bags for the
various councils throughout the Province than he had
last year?

MR. WINDSOR: That is a deep question.

MR. WARREN: It is important for the
communities.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Thank you very much,
Mr. Speaker. I do not know how many months and weeks we
have been in the House now, but this is the first Oral
Question I have had, and certainly a very serious one.
We have about the same number of garbage bags that we had
last year, but we do not give them to town councils or
municipal governments. Those garbage bags are for service
clubs, service groups and the like.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Torngat
Mountains.

MR. WARREN: Mr. Speaker, a supplementary
for the minister. Mr. Speaker, the minister said that garbage
bags are given to service groups and organizations. In the

MR. WARREN: real small towns throughout
this Province -

MR. MARSHALL: On a point of order,
Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): A point of order, the hon.
President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: I think I could have raised
this with respect to the whole Question Period, but to try
to get the Opposition to be an Opposition and ask questions,
I refer Your Honour to Beauchesne, page 131, Paragraph 358,
with respect to Oral Questions. "Such questions should:
be asked only in respect of matters of sufficient urgency
and importance as to require an immediate answer."

Now, Mr. Speaker, we do not
usually invoke this, but when we get the types of question
asked by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary), and then
the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) gets up and
talks about garbage bags, asking about the delivery of
garbage bags.

MR. MARSHALL: We have, in case the hon. gentleman does not know it, an economic condition in this Province that is of vital concern to this government. We invite questions with respect to the economy of this Province and the way it is going and the matters of general importance and resource development, but surely the time in this people's House should not be wasted by questions of trivia such as those asked by the member for Torngat Mountains (Mr. Warren) and the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary).

MR. HODDER: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): To that point of order, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, I would submit that the question is in order. This is one of the filthiest provinces in the country.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Shame! Shame!

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, recently I read an editorial in one of our newspapers which suggested that the provincial government should do as they do in all the other provinces in Canada, put garbage bins along the Trans-Canada Highway for people who are camping. We have campers who are using the sides of the roads, the areas are not policed. Anywhere you go around this Province, you do not have to walk in the woods more than a couple of feet to find mounds and piles of garbage, yet there is no enforcement or policing of it, Mr. Speaker. So I would submit it is of urgency and the member opposite is just trying to waste the Question Period.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

To that point of order. It is very difficult for the Chair to judge if a matter is of sufficient urgency, as stated in Beauchesne, Paragraph 358, so I will allow the hon. member his question.

MR. SPEAKER(Aylward): The hon. the member for
Torngat Mountains.

MR. WARREN: I am surprised, Mr. Speaker,
that the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) does not
consider matters with respect to town councils and all
little communities in this Province as urgent. Every
town in this Province, Mr. Speaker, needs a clean-up
programme and I am hoping that the Minister of Environment
(Mr. Andrews) has taken the proper step of supplying
garbage bags to the various organizations.

MR. STEWART: Get the man from Glad.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! Order, please!

MR. WARREN: My supplementary question to the
minister is: Is the minister's department going to assure
that his department is able to supply sufficient garbage
bags to all organizations in the various towns throughout
this Province for their clean-up programmes?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. Minister of the Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Mr. Chairman, I will assure the hon. member that we will try to supply as many garbage bags as possible to as many service groups and clubs around the Province that apply and ask for them.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I have a question for the Minister of Education. Now that the minister has had the submission from the students at Memorial University re student aid for some time, I wonder if the minister can indicate what action she has taken to date with respect to implementation of the recommendations made by the student body at Memorial with respect to student aid?

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Education.

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, yes, I met with representatives of the Council of the Students Union at Memorial University last Tuesday, a week ago today. The university students earlier asked for sufficient time to prepare a brief commenting on government's proposed changes to the student aid programme. They specifically asked to have time after the finish of their final examinations. To accommodate that request I told them that they could have until May 9, which suited them, and on the next day, on May 10, a week before today, we had a meeting when I, along with a couple of other representatives of government, spent some two hours with a group representating the CSU at the university. I told the students at the meeting that I would be giving copies of their brief, with their recommendations, to all the members of government, that their recommendations would be fully considered before government finalized its decisions on the changes to our student aid programme to take effect September 1, 1983, that I expected that we would be able to

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MS. VERGE: carry out that process within a couple of weeks, because it is important that we provide certainty as early as possible for students who will be applying for aid to study in the Fall.

I am now part way through that process of consultation and perhaps another week

MS. VERGE:

or two will be required before final decisions are made, at which time the decisions will be communicated to the general public as well as the CSU of Memorial University.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: I take it, then, from the minister that this is only in its very initial stages, that it has not gotten to the Cabinet yet. The minister indicated that it was passed out to members, this sort of thing, so I take it that it is in the very initial discussion period, that it has not yet reached Cabinet?

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Education.

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, I think as much has been done as has been physically possible in the week since the brief was submitted and was presented to me in a two hour meeting. I expect that Cabinet will make final decisions, with the benefit of the recommendations from the CSU, within a couple of weeks.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Can the minister indicate what the major thrust of the recommendations were, whether it was to change the eligibility criteria or whether it was to -

AN HON. MEMBER: Why do you not read it? Go read it.

MR. LUSH: I know the answers. I know the answers very well. I know what the decision is going to be.

-or whether it was

MR. LUSH: particularly with respect to reducing the ceiling loan? Was that the major thrust of the recommendations?

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the Minister of Education.

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, as the member opposite for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) has said himself, he has a copy of the CSU brief to government on the subject of student aid. He can read it for himself. I think all hon. members were supplied copies by the CSU. I do not think I am really the best person to highlight the students' submission. Suffice it to that the CSU has written a comprehensive brief addressing all aspects of government's proposed changes to our student aid plan as well as other features of a student aid plan, and the CSU has commented on the general employment picture of this Province and has noted the difficulties

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of graduating students finding employment in our Province. It is a wideranging document which addresses many aspects of the student aid programme. The recommendations are summarized in the brief. I do not think hon. members would want me to take the time required to read all the recommendations.

MR. LUSH: What is the major thrust?

MS. VERGE: Mr. Speaker, the CSU can tell you directly what they intend as their major thrust. What I would say is simply my interpretation of a document which the member has and can read for himself and interpret for himself.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please! The time for Question Period has expired.

MR. HODDER: A point of order.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of order. The hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, I will not point out the fact that there are only five ministers missing today but I would like to ask the House Leader opposite about the Minister of Environment (Mr. Andrews), who had to be called into the House, who was skulking around the precincts of the House during Question Period, and the Minister of Forestry (Mr. Power), who was outside of the House all during Question Period and did not come in. Is this a new tactic by government or is it that they get up here but they do not have the nerve to come into the House of Assembly for Question Period?

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please! To that point of order, the hon. Minister of Environment.

MR. ANDREWS: Mr. Speaker, that is certainly no point of order. I was outside of the House right here, but within the precincts of the House, doing some government business, probably on your behalf.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please! To that point of order, I rule there is no point of order.

PRESENTING REPORTS BY STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: I am pleased to table the annual report of the Harmon Corporation.

The main role of the Harmon Development Corporation has been and continues to be its commitment to encouraging the establishment and expansion of industrial enterprises within the Harmon area and its support for industrial growth in the Stephenville area in general.

During 1981-82, the Corporation experienced the effects of the economic recession, as did other sections of the economy, with a number of properties vacated and company closures resulting in a number of job losses.

Despite the economic downturn, the Corporation has been actively pursuing a number of new development and promotion initiatives designed to encourage and support the location of new operations and create jobs in the area.

The most notable of these initiatives have been the Corporation's research into the feasibility of establishing an international trade zone and its subsequent realization, its support of Fishery Products Limited experimental stock fish processing operations which resulted in 135 jobs of five months duration, its continuing efforts in support of a limestone mining operation for the Port au Port Peninsula which could become economically viable in light of the potential requirements for concrete structures for the offshore, its recognition of the

MR. WINDSOR: tourism potential of the area and its continuing efforts to support and promote specific tourist attractions such as the Stephenville Festival of the Arts, and its decision to renovate one of its buildings into five sections to provide incentive to very small businesses starting up.

Over the past year the corporation has provided services to a large number of companies requesting specific site information, research, production and market information on specific business opportunities.

In the year ahead the Corporation

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will continue its approach to diversify the economic base of the area with a number of small industries and will intensify its activities in promoting the international trade zone.

That is the first one, Mr. Speaker. I might as well table the second one. These are the annual reports of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation for the year 1981 and '82.

I am pleased to lay before the House these annual reports for these fiscal years. They are being submitted in accordance, of course, with Section 34 of the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation Act as amended.

Members will, no doubt, be subjecting these reports to a thorough review; I would like to highlight just a number of the activities of the Corporation over the past two years.

Consolidation of all housing bodies in the one agency known as the Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation: This involved amalgamation with the St. John's Housing Corporation and dissolution of the St. John's Housing Authority.

Implementation of a provincial building lot subsidy programme for Corporation owned land developments throughout the Province has put serviced land on sale at market rates.

The Corporation assumed responsibility for the development of industrial parks in which government has a financial interest.

MR. WINDSOR: The Corporation introduced a rural mortgage lending programme to provide financing to those individuals unable to obtain funding through conventional lenders or other sources for the purpose of building a home.

Some 430 subsidized rental housing units were constructed and occupied bringing to 3800 the number presently under administration.

Further development of residential land in Mount Pearl continued as 292 single family building lots were placed in a sales position in Parsons Meadow, while contracts were awarded for a further 290 lots in Powers Pond. Agreement was reached with the Federal Government on the development of an additional 443 residential building lots in this development.

Industrial Park activity saw servicing commence on Phase 3 of the Donovan's Industrial Park consisting of 53.6 hectares, and on Phase 1 of a 36 hectare development at Country Road in Corner Brook. Work was completed on the servicing of Area 2 of the O'Leary Industrial Park consisting of some 15.6 hectares.

Some 570 loans approved under the Federal/Provincial rural and remote housing programme for an expenditure in excess of \$23 million.

Some 476 commitments issued under the provincial home ownership assistance program carried a dollar value in excess of \$500,000.

1900 commitments delivered by the Corporation under Federal Rural RRAP amounting to an expenditure of approximately \$10 million.

585 units financed under the rent supplement program provided reduced rents for

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qualifying senior citizens.

It is my pleasure, Mr. Speaker
to table these three reports.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

Any further reports?

The hon. the Minister of
Public Works.

MR. YOUNG: Mr. Speaker, I would like to table, in accordance with Section 4 of the Public Tendering Act, the tenders awarded other than to the lowest bidder.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FOR WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN:

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. Minister of Development.

MR. WINDSOR: Mr. Speaker, in an ongoing effort to provide information to the Opposition, in spite of themselves, I want to table the answer to question number 23, a question from the hon. member for Bellevue (Mr. Callan), a very important question, Mr. Speaker, asking what the earth shattering, total cost of my trip to Chicago in December was. I know that is of great urgency and public importance.

MR. HODDER: What about your trip to New York?

MR. WINDSOR: I have not been asked that question. If the hon. gentleman asks me that question, I might answer it.

MR. WARREN: How about your trip to the Voisey Bay fish camp?

MR. WINDSOR: The total cost of the trip was \$865.60, Mr. Speaker, which I think was somewhat overstated since I stopped in at a mines ministers' conference in New Brunswick along route. The other half of the question was what did I do there, I addressed, first of all, the Chicago Rotary Club at their invitation, which is not only one of the largest clubs in the world, Mr. Speaker, I think there are something in the order of the 2200 in the Club -

MR. HODDER: You are getting some arrogant now when you are answering questions about your travelling.

MR. WINDSOR: - but it also is the parent club. Chicago is Rotary One, it is the parent club of Rotary Clubs around the world and it was certainly an honour and a pleasure for me to have that opportunity to address some 300 businessmen.

MR. WINDSOR: As a result of that there have been numerous enquiries coming to our Department of Development for information on development opportunities in the Province.

In addition to that, while in Chicago I spoke with the ERCO Metals Company of Chicago, formerly Anaconda Aluminum of Louisville, Kentucky, who hon. members will know are presently involved in a joint feasibility study to establish an aluminum smelter in our Province. So that, I think, justifies that.

The second earth shattering question is the names and salaries of executive assistants and parliamentary assistants and the whole bunch of them.

MR. HODDER: That is the sort of questions you put on order papers.

MR. WINDSOR: That is very important stuff, Mr. Speaker, and I table that information as well.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MR. MARSHALL: Motion 1, Budget Debate.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Motion 1, Budget Debate.

Last day, the hon. the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) adjourned the debate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, if it had not been my turn to speak, I would have gotten up on the last point of order where reference was made to the absence of some ministers in this House, and suggested that whereas the difference on this side of the House is that some of our ministers are perhaps not here, I would say all of the members over there are not all there.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CARTER: So that perhaps would outline the difference.

We are now back on the main motion of the Budget Debate. We were treated to a rather lengthy seven day ordeal by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) and, Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest at this time that considering the numbers in this House on the government side, that we take advantage of our numerical superiority to make some changes in the rules of the House. I think, for instance, where the Leader of the Opposition is a recognized low-life, he should be allowed to speak for no more than five minutes. The other, you know, 'mawmouths' perhaps could get six minutes. I think that this would be a great change, a very refreshing change and a very necessary one. However, the exact amount of time allotted to people should probably be less than it is now. I understand that I have half an hour. I intend to try to use most of it but I can assure hon. members that it is not necessary for a person to have any

MR. CARTER: more than about twenty to twenty-five minutes unless it is a very major bill indeed.

I do notice, Mr. Speaker, that our budget alone, of all the ten provinces of Canada - and, well, the 11th jurisdiction, the federal

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government, our budget comes nearest to balancing itself. We do not quite balance ourselves and, of course, when you take capital expenditures into account we are seriously out of balance. And I do not entirely agree with the distinction between current and capital but it is a recognized accounting procedure and therefore I will not quarrel with it at the present time. But even if you take our total borrowing this year and consider that to be our deficit, it is still considerably less than any of the other provinces in Canada. I believe Quebec's is \$2.5 billion Ontario's is something over \$1 billion and on and on it goes. Even a small province like New Brunswick, I think, is some hundreds of millions of dollars out of kilter. So it is with great pride, Mr. Speaker, that I support this government, I support their budget. There are a few minor changes, obviously, one would want. I think we all do not agree entirely. Perhaps there would be a slight change of emphasis that I would like to put in, but I still think the government who have put together this budget and shown the amount of restraint that they have shown deserve a great deal of credit.

Now, I have half an hour to speak and the Budget Debate as well as the Address in Reply, allows a member to speak on at length about practically anything under the sun. I find it difficult to imagine what would be classified as irrelevant. So it is hard for me to know where to begin. I could perhaps begin with the beginnings of Confederation, the infamous National Convention, and I could refer to a public debate that took place here in St. John's not too many months ago when the speaker suggested that there had been unwarranted interference by both Great Britain and Canada in the National Convention. And I do not think he made the following points

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MR. CARTER:

but they should be made in
support of his suggestion. For

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instance Confederation was put on the ballot paper, not by the request of the National Convention, but by the authority of the Commission of Government at that time. The wording itself on the ballot, because I remember seeing one, responsible government as it was in - as it existed I believe was the phraseology used, as it existed in 1932, that recalled the days of the dole.

Then, of course, there was the second referendum. Confederation was defeated on the first referendum. But the powers that existed then decided to hold a second referendum. And I suggest that if the Confederation suggestion had been defeated on the second referendum there would have been some excuse dredged up to hold a third referendum.

Anyway, I still think that the second referendum was made necessary only by the participation of Mr. Smallwood. I think if he had not been on the scene Confederation would have come a lot more quickly and a lot more smoothly. So rather than hold him up as the Father of Confederation I suggest that he delayed Confederation. It is not the first time I have suggested this, I am prepared to argue this any time anywhere.

I could perhaps mention the new industries that the Liberal government brought in, Valdmanis, the chocolate factory, the rubber factory, it was boot licking good, the battery plant, a whole lot of factories. By the way, while I am mentioning these factories and the Smallwood regime, I might mention that I have heard it said that the recently discovered diaries of Adolph Hitler are probably quite accurate because in them he says, 'Smallwood was a great man'. Or have I got it backwards? Maybe it was Smallwood who said, 'Hitler was a great man'.

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MR. BUTT:

Turn it around.

MR. CARTER:

That is right.

I see we have just recently had a Liberal meeting in Gander and they chose as their theme, one of the grossest themes that they could possibly have chosen 'The Future Is Ours'. Not only are they

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anxious to have the past and the present, they would like to have the future as well. And one might well ask what Liberal philosophy consists of. It is completely bankrupt as far as I am concerned and consists simply in seizing the government and sharing the spoils. Who was it said, 'To the victor belongs the spoils,'? A well known member of this House. I think if the young so-called Liberals, if they wanted to take a genuine interest in politics they should immediately divorce themselves from the existing Liberals and hope that they soon reach the dustbin of history.

On the matter of philosophy I notice that the Premier has just written a new book. I have not had a chance to read it all yet but I have had an opportunity to hear it reviewed by no less a person than Michael Harrington and he gives it a very good review and I would hope that we will have some more publications from our Premier. It is amazing to think that someone as busy as himself was able to find time to put together a book because if we judge from what Mr. Rowe has been saying about writing, it is supposed to be very difficult and very time consuming. It has taken him several years to come up with a book. If our former Premier had ever written a book I imagine - I am just casting about for a title - he could have called it The Rakes' Progress perhaps and it would not have been a treat as in agriculture. The former, former Premier, Mr. Smallwood, I think has written a number of books, one that he did want to write, I do not think he ever got around to it, was Kings and Presidents Who Have Met Me. Now if the present Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) could write a book, what could he call it? Me and the Mifflin Report.

MR. CARTER: But I see the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) more as a poet than as a author. I think he could perhaps rewrite some of the popular songs, for instance, he could start off: Oh, what a libelous morning/ Oh, what a blackmailing day/ I have the shiftiest feeling/ Everything is going my way. Or he could have tried another one, a familiar one: Oh, Johnny Doyle/ The bribes the bribes are calling/ From Panama/ And down the seamy side - and so on.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Ha, ha!

MR. CARTER: To get back to serious concerns, Mr. Speaker, there are two big topics that have come out of - not so much out of the budget, but out of the period of the budget. One

MR. CARTER: is the topic of education and the other is the topic of health and I would like to spend a few minutes on those.

Now that some of the dust has settled on the teacher's strike, a couple of observations may be made. I had the opportunity to speak to a number of teachers during that dispute and it is unfortunate that some of the underlying issues did not surface. One of the underlying issues - and it has been an underlying issue for certainly the last ten, possibly the last twenty years - is the matter of the authority of the teacher in the classroom. The teacher in the classroom, in my view, does not have very much authority.

Now, the member for Terra Nova (Mr. Lush) has gone on to great lengths to suggest that not only should education be available to everyone, but he and many others have suggested that education should be compulsory, that you should learn willy-nilly. And it has reached the almost absurd stage where a person is almost forced to go through high school, or to go through school. And that means that some teachers or many teachers, probably all teachers, are saddled with two or three drones in the classroom who do nothing but hold up the work of the class and would be far better off out of the classroom, in fact, out of the school system altogether. Every one of us can think of an example or two of people who had no desire, no wish to attend school, no aptitude and no interest, and yet had to be sort of looked after by the school authorities because they were not of the school leaving age or whatever and they became a charge on the school system, and the teacher just does not have the power to get rid of people who will not learn.

Now, I met a teacher from New York, a Newfoundland girl, who teaches mathematics in

MR. CARTER: New York, and I asked her did she have any trouble, was she teaching at a fairly rough school in New York? And she said, yes, it was in a rough district in New York. And I said, 'What sort of problems did you encounter?' Well, she said, there were only two things that she would not put up with, one was a cheat and the other was a 'mouth' and she said if she had either a cheat or a 'mouth' she threw him or her out and that person did not get back. And she ran a very tight ship,

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a very successful mathematics class and I think that she probably had the right idea.

The other point I would like to make about teachers is that there are some - and unfortunately there are not many, I guess it is just the way people are made - there are some outstanding teachers, not very many, only a handful, but everybody knows who they are, every school board knows who they are, every student certainly knows who they are and I believe that some way should be found to reward them and I mean reward them massively, give them great big cash bonuses as long as they stay in the classrooms. I think it is a great pity that a person who shows some ability in a particular field is then promoted automatically -

MR. TULK: Are you talking about merit pay?

MR. CARTER: Merit pay, yes. And I cannot put together a set of rules or guidelines for that but I think it is long overdue.

MR. TULK: It is very difficult to determine.

MR. CARTER: Very, very difficult, very hard but just because it is hard does not make it any less desirable. I think every hon. gentleman here would agree that if there was some equitable way of giving massive doses of merit pay to superb teachers as long as they stayed on in the classroom, I think that they would all approve of doing it. Now, I do not know how you do it, I really do not, but I will put it out for hon. members to consider. And I think it is well worth considering.

I think a number of us have perhaps read the book Peter Principle which suggests that people who have shown an ability in one field are automatically promoted and if they show ability in that

MR. CARTER: field they are promoted again and they keep on being promoted until they get to a level which they do not desire to be at or are not effective at and it is unfortunate. I think a good teacher who has shown ability in a classroom should be kept in the classroom. I think a good teacher is probably a priceless asset and should be treated as one.

Now the other point I wanted to make was on the topic of health. And here a number of people, members opposite, have talked about cutbacks in Health, in fact, the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts), as far as I am concerned, lied to this House when he said that there were cutbacks in health. He knows better, he ought to know better, he was the Minister of Health. He was the right-hand man, probably the left-hand man for the former, former Premier. He has been in and around government for many, many years, too many years, I think. He is a very intelligent person, a very qualified able person, he is apparently a very successful lawyer and yet

MR. CARTER: a person of that ability and that standing is able to get up in this House of Assembly, and, as far as I am concerned, just lie to the House and say that there have been cutbacks in Health. There have not been cutbacks in Health. The Health budget has gone up by some, I think, 10 or 12 per cent. The Health estimates came into our committee, when we discussed the estimates in Committee, and the minister and his officials -- in fact the minister brought in a great many officials, who were very, very free with information. We have made it a practice in our committee to not only hear from the minister but to hear on questions of fact from the minister's officials. So if you ask how many hospital beds are there in a particular hospital, the minister is not required to answer that. He may say, "Well, I will refer that to one of my officials." It is the official's business to know exactly how many beds and a half there are in a particular hospital and how much the average cost per bed is. All this statistical information is not surely the department of the minister. His officials have that at their fingertips and the officials in the estimates on Health were extremely co-operative. A great deal of information was forthcoming. Anyone who wishes to read the Hansard of those particular estimates may do so, and will, I think, agree. And yet an hon. member could lie to this House and say that there are cutbacks in Health. It is intolerable, it is -

MR. HODDER: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): A point of order, the hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman who is speaking on two or three occasions now has said that

MR. HODDER: the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) has lied to the House, or told lies. I heard him once myself and hon. members on this side heard him say it twice. Now the member knows that that is not parliamentary. He is obviously flaunting the rules of the House deliberately, I do not know for what reason, because I would have thought that the hon. gentleman would have thought more of the rules of the House than to stand up and use unparliamentary language, something that is totally out of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. CARTER: To that point of order.

MR. HODDER: I am not finished, Mr. Speaker. And I would ask, Mr. Speaker, that the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) withdraw the remarks that the member for the Strait of Belle Isle lied to the House.

MR. CARTER: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): To that point of order, the hon. member for St. John's North.

MR. CARTER: I must argue at some length.

MR. CARTER: The point of order is well taken. I understand the hon. gentleman disagrees with my suggesting that the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) has told a lie to this House, yet if I am unable to mention this fact, Mr. Speaker, I am seriously curtailed in my freedom of debate -

MR. WARREN: Withdraw, withdraw.

MR. CARTER: - because -

MR. TULK: He has to withdraw it.

MR. CARTER: Well, Mr. Speaker, to a point of privilege then. I am quite concerned about this. On a point of privilege, on a point of personal privilege. My ability to speak and debate freely in this House is seriously curtailed when a member gets up and deliberately misleads this House. Now, I do not think there is any question - now this is a point of privilege -

MR. WARREN: Name him! Name him!

MR. CARTER: - and I am at liberty to state it.

MR. WARREN: Name him!

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): Order, please!
Is this to the point of order or to the point of privilege?

MR. CARTER: On a point of privilege, Mr. Speaker. On a point of personal privilege, Mr. Speaker.
I am suggesting that my right of debate -

MR. SPEAKER: Order, order! Order, please!
I want to get this clear.

Is this a point of privilege?

MR. CARTER: A point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: A point of privilege.

MR. CARTER: A point of personal privilege.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): The hon. the member for St. John's North.

MR. CARTER: I am stating my point of personal privilege. I am saying that my right, my ability to debate, or any hon. member to debate in this House is seriously curtailed when he cannot point to a clear, and as far as I am concerned, a deliberate presentation of misinformation.

MR. TULK: Say lie.

MR. CARTER: A lie, yes, a lie. I am saying, a lie, a deliberate misinterpretation of the estimates, of a government department. When someone suggests that there have been cutbacks when there most demonstrably have not been cutbacks, then I think I am at right, I have a perfect right to comment on this fact.

MR. TULK: Use the word?

MR. CARTER: And I am using the word, Mr. Speaker, a lie, that the hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) lied to this House. This is my point of privilege.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I am making this point of privilege. I will sit down in a moment and you may deal with it as you see fit and as you surely may. But I point out that the hon. member for the Strait of Belle Isle, as far as I am concerned, misled this House when he spoke about cutbacks in health. There were no cutbacks in health, there are no cutbacks in health, there has been a 12 per cent increase. And, you know, the two facts do not jibe. So there, Mr. Speaker, I am in your hands.

MR. HODDER: To that point of privilege, Mr. Speaker.

MR.SPEAKER (McNicholas): To that point of privilege.

The hon. member for Port au Port.

MR.HODDER: Mr. Speaker, it is not a point of privilege it is a point of order and it is something that has to be dealt with by the Chair. One of the cardinal rules of this House of Assembly is that one member cannot say that another member lied.

MR. TULK: Or deliberately misled the House.

MR.HODDER: The charge deliberately misled the House is also out of order, Mr. Speaker. But I do not know why the hon. member is resorting to this particular tactic. It has been a most uninspiring speech that he has been making, I suppose crafted to entertain his colleagues on the other side of the House, and now he would like to make some sort of a point by calling a member who is not in this House a liar. Now, Mr. Speaker, the allegations on health care are well-known across this Province, and if the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) feels that the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts) is wrong when he alleges that health care services have been cut back that may be his opinion, but he does not have the right to say that the member lied. It is a very serious offence to name a person for lying, particularly on an issue as broad as this one. Mr. Speaker, on any issue a member should not be allowed to say that another member lied or deliberately lied or misled the House. Mr. Speaker, I ask that you ask the member for St. John's North to withdraw the remark and if he does not withdraw the remark, then Your Honour has other remedies I am sure he will impose on the member for St. John's North.

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas):

The hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY:

I believe the proper procedure here is that first of all Your Honour has to rule whether or not the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) made a prima facie case, that his privileges were breached. I believe that is the first thing that has to be ruled on. Now once Your Honour rules on that, then on the numerous occasions that the hon. gentleman - I use that term loosely - the hon. gentleman accused my colleague of deliberately misleading the House or lying to the House, then these numerous statements have to be withdrawn, Mr. Speaker. There were at least four if not five times the hon. gentleman violated the rules of this House, made these statements under the disguise of a breach of his privilege. Now, Mr. Speaker, whether the hon. gentleman is limited in his vocabulary so that he cannot find other terms that is the hon. gentleman's problem, that is not the problem of this House. So I would submit the first thing that has to happen is that Your Honour has to rule whether or not the hon. gentleman's privileges have been breached, and I have no doubt what the outcome of that decision will be, and then Your Honour will have to on each time not once -

MR. NEARY: the hon. gentleman should not be allowed to get away with just getting up and saying, 'If I called the hon. gentleman a liar, I withdraw.' Each time that he did it he has to withdraw, each time he accused my hon. colleague of deliberately misleading the House. Each one has to be withdrawn in turn, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Dr. McNicholas): Order, please!

The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I will not take up the time of this House by speaking on this point of order. Your Honour knows what procedure applies with respect to this. If, in fact, Your Honour rules that there has been a breach of the rules of the House, he invites the hon. member to withdraw and the hon. member gets a chance to withdraw, and if the hon. member does not withdraw then the Speaker has the authority to act. But, I mean, I do not think it is right if somebody gets up on a point of order - it is a disorder in itself to get up and expostulate as the hon. gentleman did. All the hon. gentleman is doing is trying to consume the time of the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter).

MR. NEARY: Is that so?

MR. MARSHALL: So I will not, Mr. Speaker.

MR. NEARY: I am trying to rise the decorum of this House.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

I rule there is no point of privilege.

To the point of order, I would ask the hon. the member for St. John's North to withdraw his comments.

MR. CARTER: Obviously, Mr. Speaker, I am in your hands, so I certainly do as you direct. There is really not much more I can say about it. I think you have covered it quite -

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

MR. SPEAKER (Dr. McNicholas): On a point of order, the hon. the Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, that is not good enough. Your Honour knows that, the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) knows that. The hon. gentleman did not withdraw the unparliamentary statements that he made, Mr. Speaker.

MR. HODDER: He must say, 'I withdraw.'

MR. NEARY: All he said was, 'I am going to follow the directions of the Chair. He has to say, 'I withdraw', Mr. Speaker, under the rules of this House.

MR. MARSHALL: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order, the hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Your Honour asked the member for St. John's North to withdraw, he said he would do as you

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directed and that seems to me to be full and sufficient.

MR. NEARY: No, Sir, it is not.

MR. MARSHALL: And in any event, Mr. Speaker, we cannot be bullyragged by the oppressive people on the other side. If Your Honour -

MR. HODDER: It works both ways.

MR. MARSHALL: It works both ways. It is working both ways now, Mr. Speaker. Your Honour, has directed the member for St. John's North to withdraw, he has withdrawn and I think that is a full and sufficient disposition of the matter and that Your Honour should ask for the business to continue on.

MR. HODDER: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEKAER (McNicholas): To that point of order, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, the member from St. John's North did not withdraw. He played with words with a great smirk on his face and I think that is an affront to Your Honour and I think the member is required to withdraw his comments.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

To that point of order, I understood the unparliamentary remarks that the hon. the member for St. John's North made were withdrawn.

The hon. the member for St. John's North.

MR. CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I do not have too much more to say, I have covered most of the points that I wished to cover. I would like to suggest that the -

MR. NEARY: We will remember that one.

MR. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, do I hear a threat from the other side? Is this what we have to put up with every time we get up in this House, listen to threats from the other side?

MR. NEARY: Bring up a point of order.

MR. CARTER: I will not bring up a point of order, there have been far too many points of order brought up already but I will just simply say, Mr. Speaker, that it is a very sad day in this House of Assembly when one has to even entertain threats from the other side, from any side, left, right, bottom or top.

So, Mr. Speaker, the two main points that I wanted to make was the one about Education and the other about Health, that as far as I am concerned there have not been cutbacks in Health and on Education, the point that I do feel that outstanding teachers can and should be given massive bonuses to keep them in the classroom because one superb teacher, as I say, is a priceless asset and I think - the Clerk notifies me that I only have three minutes but I think I have covered pretty well what I wanted to cover and I thank hon. gentlemen for their attention.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): The hon. member for Terra Nova.

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, that is one of the poorest speeches I have ever heard in this House. The hon. member talked about the time limits and suggested that certain members should be given five minutes, and six minutes and in any event, nobody should be given more than twenty-five minutes. I certainly understand why the hon. member would say that, Mr. Speaker.

MR. TULK: He would be down to thirty seconds.

MR. LUSH: He would be down to about fifteen seconds if we followed the criteria that he would set. But, Mr. Speaker, it was one of the poorest speeches, one of the lowest speeches, I think, ever given in this hon. House. I wish it were a good speech because I generally like to respond to some of the things that hon. members say. But, Mr. Speaker, there was nothing said other than abuse and I am not going to respond to abuse. That is all the hon. member raised and the speech said nothing in content, and its description, its adjectives were nothing but abuse. It is unfortunate, Mr. Speaker, when we have to sit and listen to that kind of nonsense, to that kind of a low-level speech. One would have thought that the hon. member could have given a speech better than that, an hon. member who has been sitting in this House for some time, one would have thought that he could have dealt with this budget rationally and intelligently.

And, Mr. Speaker, after hearing the hon. member give his philosophy on education there is no wonder he is not the minister. There is no wonder he is not the Minister of Education. There is no wonder he is not the Minister of Education when he does not believe in the concept that everyone has a right to education, that he would apparently administer an I.Q. before kids came to school

MR. LUSH: . . . and those who fell below a certain level would not be allowed to enter school.

He talked about in every class there are two or three drones. Well, Mr. Speaker, that happens to be the situation in the House of Assembly as well. There are two or three drones in the House of Assembly. But, Mr. Speaker, it seems as though he would sacrifice our educational system for what he refers to as those two or three drones. I am afraid that is not a philosophy that would be accepted by the educators of Newfoundland, or the educators of Canada, or the educators of the Western world. So, Mr. Speaker, it does not warrant discussion really other than -

MR. TULK: . . . Do you have a feeling that his I.Q. test would become a family test eventually?

MR. LUSH: . . . It would probably be like wealth. So, Mr. Speaker, it probably points to why the government is moving in this direction with student aid. But, anyway, we will not comment on that. Hon. members have that to live with. They have to get up and say whether or not that is the philosophy of education that they espouse, the one that was given here today by the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter),

MR. LUSH: where we administer IQ tests and those people who fall below a certain level or those people who come from a certain socio-economic situation are not permitted to be educated. Mr. Speaker, what a philosophy of education! I hope that it is published for the people of Newfoundland so that the teachers living in the hon. member's district will know what to do with the hon. member. As I have said, with a philosophy like that in this progressive age, Mr. Speaker, there is no wonder that the minister did not hang on to that portfolio very long -I think about three months, was it?

MR. NEARY: Right on.

MR. LUSH: Three months. And with that kind of philosophy that he has espoused today, Mr. Speaker, it is very easy to understand why that minister had that portfolio pulled away from him and someone else with a little more progressive thinking had to be put into that portfolio, Because God forbid, Mr. Speaker, God forbid if that minister was allowed to put his theory of education into practice. God forbid that many of us here today probably would be denied an education. Many hon. members here sitting would be denied an education. Mr. Speaker, that is a terrible philosophy that the member enunciated here today, It is too bad that the teachers' of this Province could not be here today and hear that hon. member espouse and articulate that philosophy.

The other important item that he referred to was health and he said that there were no cutbacks, Mr. Speaker, that there were no cutbacks because there was a 12 per cent increase. It seems like I am able to make a similar analogy in that situation;

MR. LUSH: it seems rather similar to the EFP programme where the government had been saying there were cutbacks and there were no cutbacks in any of them, Mr. Speaker, all of them had increases - 8 per cent, 6 per cent. Mr. Speaker, there were no cutbacks, So Mr. Speaker, what is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Hon. gentlemen cannot have their cake and eat it too. They were the people who were cutbacks on the EFP.

MR. LUSH: but now when the case was reversed and we said there were cutbacks in health, no, no! But I suppose they will be able to devise a scheme somehow to say that a 12 per cent increase in health in Newfoundland is not a cutback whereas 6 per cent and 8 per cent increases in EFP are cutbacks. They will be able somehow to come up with some sort of convoluted logic to be able to say that increases at the federal government level are cutbacks but they are not cutbacks in Newfoundland.

MR. TULK: Cutbacks are not cutbacks in Newfoundland but increases by the feds are cutbacks.

MR. LUSH: Yes. But, Mr. Speaker, they cannot have their cake and eat it too. I was not the person who said there were cutbacks in health. I did not say it.

MR. TULK: No.

MR. LUSH: It was the Newfoundland Hospital Association, it was the Newfoundland Medical Association, it was the people who are running the hospitals in this Province who said there were going to be cutbacks. I did not say it. I can only listen to these people, Mr. Speaker. I am not working in the hospitals. It was they who said they are going to have to close down beds. It was they who said they are going to have to cut back the health care in this Province. I did not say it, Mr. Speaker. But now, Mr. Speaker, hon. gentlemen are stewing in their own juice.

MR. TULK: That is right.

MR. LUSH: An EFP programme, Mr. Speaker, that gives an increase is a cutback. And now when people say that there are cutbacks in health, Mr. Speaker, they are cringing and they are fuming and stewing in their own juice. Mr. Speaker, they deserve it. It could not happen to a better crowd. They have asked for it. If they were more reasonable, if they were more rational, if they were

MR. LUSH: not so anti-Ottawa and ruled this Province properly, maybe they would not get these things flung back in their faces. But, Mr. Speaker, this is what is happening. Every way they move, Mr. Speaker, they are getting themselves deeper and deeper into trouble. Because they can have cutbacks but the federal government cannot. The federal government cannot have cutbacks. The federal government cannot be caught in this economic bind, it is only the provincial government.

Well, Mr. Speaker, it is time that these hon. gentlemen stood up like a government should. It is time that they assume some responsibility for running this Province. It is time that they stood up like a government. It is time that they stood up like men and took it on the chin and acknowledged the fact that we are living in rough economic times and not try to blame everything on the federal government and not try

MR. LUSH: to suggest that in one case where there is a cutback it is an increase, or when it happens on the federal scene when it is an increase, you know, it is a cutback. So, Mr. Speaker, that is the place they have gotten themselves into now and it was they who started it by going all around this Province, by talking about the cuts in the EFP programme here when there was not a cut there was an increase everywhere along the board. And they opened themselves up to it. There were cutbacks, they said, in health services, in education services when there were increases all along the way. But now, Mr. Speaker, when somebody suggests that a 12 per cent increase in Newfoundland represents a cutback, oh, no, no, that is not a cutback.

DR. COLLINS: Would the hon. member permit a question?

MR. LUSH: No, Mr. Speaker, because the hon. gentleman will get his opportunity to speak. He will get his opportunity to speak and he can do that.

DR. COLLINS: I just want to make sure you do not inadvertently mislead the House.

MR. LUSH: Not deliberately misleading the House - well, maybe -

DR. COLLINS: I said I did not want you to inadvertently mislead the House.

MR. LUSH: And I am not inadvertently -

DR. COLLINS: That is what you are doing.

MR. LUSH: But, Mr. Speaker, maybe there is a case where - I do not know how to explain it - maybe there is some formula which says, 'If it drops below 10 per cent maybe that is a cutback. Maybe if it drops below a 10 per cent increase and that is a cutback'. Maybe that is the convoluted logic they have used. But, Mr. Speaker, hon. gentlemen know the situation. When they were going around this Province, all Cabinet Ministers

MR. LUSH:

people in this Province who agree with him. There are very few people in this Province outside of the hon. gentlemen opposite who are forced to get up, Mr. Speaker, by their colleague to try and get out a few words of support, to try and weasel these words out somehow that they support this Budget. Because there is no support for this Budget anywhere in the Province. Anywhere in the Province, Mr. Speaker, there is no support.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. LUSH:

Who supports a Budget that

offers no hope for the unemployed? Who supports a Budget Mr. Speaker, who offers no hope for the 50,000 people in this Province who are unemployed? Who supports a Budget where there are no special programmes for the youth of this Province who are now coming out of universities and other post-secondary institutions in the droves, Mr. Speaker, but no work, cannot find any work to go back to their schools next year? They cannot find any work to get money to go to university. They cannot find any work to get money to go to the trade schools, yet knowing when they go back they have to borrow more money. Now, Mr. Speaker, that is what this Budget has done. It has offered no hope to the unemployed, offered no hope to the students of this Province yet knowing when they go back to school in September they have to pay more money for their fees and they have to borrow more money.

Now, Mr. Speaker, that is the philosophy of education and it hinges dangerously 'it hinges dangerously' on the philosophy that was enunciated just a few moments ago by the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter), moving, Mr. Speaker, to a philosophy of education where only

MR. LUSH: the rich are going to be able to attend our university and our other post-secondary institutions. That is what this Budget did, Mr. Speaker. That is what it did, forcing our students to go deeper and deeper in debt, our middle-class students and students from the lower levels of society. That is what we have proportioned them to do, denying them an education and forcing them into debt.

Our most valuable resource, Mr. Speaker, and this is the policy that the Province now has. It is a rather strange policy too, Mr. Speaker, a rather strange policy making it more difficult, making it more financially difficult for a student to get an education and yet this is the government that advocates a policy of Newfoundlanders first. Newfoundlanders first! That certainly would seem, Mr. Speaker, to be quite contradictory, a government that advocates Newfoundlanders first and yet we do not make the areas of training easier, we are making them more difficult. A province that advocates Newfoundlanders first and instead of making education more accessible, instead of making training easier we are making it more difficult. And certainly, Mr. Speaker, that flies in the face of logic to be advocating a policy of Newfoundlanders first and then making everything difficult for them, making it difficult for them to train, setting up the MED school here in St. John's, Mr. Speaker, when we can set it up in other parts of the Province. That is another contradictory item with respect to this government of Newfoundlanders first.

Now, Mr. Speaker, the hon. member mentioned that the Liberal party had no philosophy or he, at least, did not seem to understand it. I can tell you if the Liberal party advocated a policy of Newfoundlanders first we would not be giving it lip service. We would not

MR. LUSH: be just drawing up local preference policies and regulations, Mr. Speaker, we would be putting the training programmes in effect so that our Newfoundlanders could go and train and then they would get their jobs by right.

MR. LUSH: We would set up the proper training programmes for them and we would not raise the fees, and we would not raise the loan ceiling either to make it more difficult, Mr. Speaker. We would lower that loan ceiling so that they could go in and train knowing that they are the most valuable resource and knowing that when they are trained, Mr. Speaker, they are going to bring dollars into this Province, they are not going to join the ranks of the unemployed. That would be the philosophy of the Liberal Party, providing the training for our students to train themselves for future jobs in the offshore and in other areas of the labour market and then opening up the areas of finance, making that easier so the students would not have bear such a financial burden. That is what the Liberal Party would do. That is the difference Mr. Speaker.

MR. MARSHALL: You should be ashamed to utter those words.

MR. LUSH: And I am not ashamed to utter those words for the people of Newfoundland, for the thousands and thousands of students who right now want to go back to university, want to go back to Trades School and cannot find a job to earn any money to go back. It is the hon. member who should be ashamed and maybe he should let the students of this Province know how he feels about this, these thousands of students who are out there now frustrated, Mr. Speaker, not knowing which way to turn to look for a job knowing that next September they have to borrow almost double the money that they borrowed this September. That is the hope, that is what this budget offered the students of this Province. So how can anybody support this budget, Mr. Speaker, a budget that hits the students of this Province, that hits the educational system of our Province? A government that says, 'Newfoundlanders first,'

MR. LUSH: a government that is inviting people to go back to post secondary institutions next year to join the Class of '83. Mr. Speaker, what a contradiction of policies. Here we have, 'Newfoundlanders first,' and yet they cannot train. We are making education more difficult for them, 'Newfoundlanders first.' Now, here we are inviting them all to join the Class of '83, they cannot find a job to make money to be able to go back. And they understand the realism of the economic situation of today. None of these students complained when their fees were jacked up by 5 per cent, there was not a whimper from any of the students in this Province, they accepted that. But then, on top of that, Mr. Speaker, came the change in regulations. And that is not all, Mr. Speaker, really, they have done. They have made the eligibility criteria very, very difficult but I will not get into that this evening because I want to say other things.

Mr. Speaker, this budget has very little support throughout Newfoundland. It has no support with the medical people, it has no support, or very little support, in education, particularly with the students, it has

MR. LUSH: no support in the business community because there is nothing in this to stimulate the economy, nothing in it at all, Mr. Speaker. So what is in this budget for hon. members to support? What is it that they are so proud about? I do not hear too many of the hon. gentlemen in the papers or on the electronic media singing the praises of this budget. They do it in this hon. House where they think they might not be quoted because they would be ashamed, they would be ashamed if they knew that they were quoted on any broad scale in terms of supporting this budget. There is nothing in this budget for anybody to be proud about, particularly our students, our hospitals and the unemployed. There is nothing in this budget, Mr. Speaker, to be proud about. The hon. gentleman from St. John's North (Mr. Carter) was very proud because we came closest to balancing the budget than any other province in Canada. He was very proud about that. Well, Mr. Speaker, probably all hon. members would be proud about it if we could believe it. What did the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) tell us last year? He told us that we would have a surplus of \$5 million. Now, is the hon. gentleman saying that he finds this budget more credible this year, that he finds more credence in the minister's statement this year than last year when the minister said that we were going to have a \$5 million surplus? What happened? It was something almost close to a \$50 million deficit. And this year we are saying something is going to be a \$24.4 million deficit or somewhere in that area, over \$20 million. Now, Mr. Speaker, there is the question of credibility with this budget. When last year the minister told this Province, told the people of the Province that we were going to have a \$5 million surplus, that turned into just about a \$50 million deficit. So, Mr. Speaker, that certainly is

MR. LUSH: not accurate forecasting.

And who is to say that it is more accurate this year? We hope it is. But I cannot swallow it hook, line and sinker as easily as the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) does. I cannot do it. Mr. Speaker, again I ask the question who are the hordes of people out there who support this budget? Hon. members know very well that there are no large numbers of people out there supporting this budget. As a matter of fact, there are very few. People are really in despair because this budget offers very little hope for this coming year, for this fiscal year. What it is, Mr. Speaker, of course, is it follows the trend of the right-wing budgets in Canada today, of the Tory budgets. That is what it is.

MR. LUSH: It is a Tory budget, Mr. Speaker, and that is what is wrong, of course, with Canada today. It is very difficult: I would not want to be in the federal Liberal Government today, trying to direct this country when the provincial governments, of course, are predominantly Tory, going in a right-wing direction, Mr. Speaker, where we get cutbacks and layoffs and slash backs. That is what it is all about. And this is a right-wing budget and it will do nothing for the people of this Province. And the quicker, of course, the people of this Province realize a right-wing budget is no good for this Province, and the quicker the people of Canada realize a right-wing budget, the better for all concerned.

MR. CARTER: What kind of a budget would you bring down?

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, what the hon. gentleman would do is develop this Province, this is what we would do, develop it, Mr. Speaker, develop our primary resources. We would have the offshore swinging, Mr. Speaker, by now.

MR. TULK: And the Lower Churchill.

MR. LUSH: And the Lower Churchill, and I could to on and on. We would have this Province moving. That is what we need, Mr. Speaker, We need new leadership in this Province today, we need somebody with a new vision, we need somebody who can see the problems of this country and of the provinces of Canada and we need somebody who can change things, somebody who is willing to get down to brass tacks, Mr. Speaker, and change things. We have had enough of these right-wing Tory budgets.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is what is wrong with this budget, it is a right-wing, Tory budget full of cutbacks, slash backs, layoffs, That is what the people of this Province have to tolerate over the next year and longer, because it looks like this government have become tired, no initiative, no energy, no political will,

MR. LUSH: no courage to do what has to be done, Mr. Speaker, in these harsh economic times. All they can do is sit back and blame the federal government. Instead of developing their own policies, instead of trying to develop what we have, they are just sitting back and letting the Province drift further and further into an economic mess. That is what is happening. And the hon. gentlemen know that is what is happening. They do not know how to handle it, Mr. Speaker, they do not know what to do and they have given up on governing this Province. They are about the equivalent now of a municipality. That is what they are, Mr. Speaker. They have reduced themselves to the equivalent of a municipality within the federation of Canada. This they have done, of course, through their insidious attacks on Ottawa, their confrontation attacks, so that the people of this Province have given up on them. They know there is no hope, they know that they have no plans to develop this Province. Well, Mr. Speaker, it is time that they started. I notice now that they are getting their pictures taken with the ministers giving money for roads and this sort of thing. Maybe they think this is the beginning

MR. LUSH:

of the new era, this is the beginning of their developmental programme, their policies for development, getting their pictures in the paper with ministers, Mr. Speaker, for doing highways that they had as much to do with as I have to do with the cruise missile.

So, Mr. Speaker, that is the kind of things we see. When there is a place to make a political point, to gain political advantage, the hon. gentlemen are always there on the periphery, right ready to jump in and get their pictures in the papers with federal members giving out money, and the monies, as I say, that were given out for whatever projects, hon. members opposite had as much to do with as I have to do with the cruise missile.

But, Mr. Speaker, this will tell their mentality, this will demonstrate their level of concern for the Province in terms of developing this Province economically.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I wanted to get on to roads and municipal affairs since this is the Budget Speech, so I will spend a few moments on them. We have asked the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) for a list of the roads that are going to be paved and constructed in this Province over the next few months. He insists that he is not going to give us that list, it looks like. What we have to do is keep our ears tuned to the radio and our eyes glued to the paper and watch hon. members opposite announce the little bits of road that are going to be done here and there.

What a policy, Mr. Speaker, for developing transportation in this Province. What a policy for developing transportation! What a policy for developing

MR. LUSH: the resource areas of this Province! What a policy when one has to tune in on a Saturday morning and hear the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) announce two miles of roads going to be reconstructed down somewhere in Bonavista South, and someone else somewhere else. What a policy for developing the transportation system of this Province. So that is where we have come to, Mr. Speaker, that is where we have arrived in this Province. That is where we have arrived. That is their concern for developing the transportation system in this Province. That is their concern for developing the resource areas. Remember that great transportation policy of this government, to develop roads, to construct roads in areas with resource potential? Mr. Speaker, it is going anywhere else but. The only place it is going is in those areas that have voting potential. That is where it is going. It has nothing to do with resource potential.

AN HON. MEMBER: Voting potential is a resource.

MR. LUSH: Yes, it is resource potential all right, physical resource potential as opposed to natural resource potential and primary resource potential.

But, Mr. Speaker, that is what this budget is all about, hon. gentlemen can get up and say they support it, but I would like to hear more hon. gentlemen get up and say they support the high levels of unemployment in this Province, the high levels of unemployment this budget is going to create. That is what I would like to hear them talk about.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

The hon. member's time has elapsed.

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MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, just as a concluding statement, I would like for them to get up and say that they support the cutbacks with respect to student aid in this Province and all of the

MR. LUSH: anxiety and the financial burden that it is going to impose on the young people of this Province.

MR. RIDEOUT: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

MR. CALLAN: I always follow the member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

MR. RIDEOUT: Yes, and the hon. gentleman will always be doing that too, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I very seldom interrupt anybody on the other side when they are speaking. I assume that the gentleman from Bellevue (Mr. Callan) will have the same courtesy, but if he does not, Mr. Speaker, it does not really bother me. I will plough on and make my few remarks as best I can, but if he wants to be courteous then he can be courteous.

Mr. Speaker, I spoke only three or four days ago when the non-confidence motion was on on the Budget Debate and I outlined all kinds of reasons then why I supported this budget and this administration. I do not propose to elucidate again today those reasons, but I do want to take a few minutes, Mr. Speaker, to speak on something else that is very close to me and to talk about for a few minutes - and I have noticed it for a couple of days in this House - one of the most cowardly acts of parliamentary procedure that you could ever see an hon. gentleman take part in. I am talking, of course, about the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary). The Leader of the Opposition for the past couple of days, Mr. Speaker, has tried to engage in the process of asking questions to ministers who he knows very well are not

MR. RIDEOUT: responsible for the particular fields of policy or the particular questions that he is asking. Now, he makes a very grave mistake nine times out of ten, ninety-nine and a half times out of one hundred he makes a very grave mistake, because he directs his questions to the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall), who is a well versed gentleman in all government policy, so he makes the mistake most of the time.

MR. HODDER: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): A point of order, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, the hon. member says that the Leader of the Opposition is directing his questions to the wrong person. Now, Mr. Speaker, who would it be more appropriate to address your questions to than the assistant Premier, the Government House Leader, the President of the Council? Now, Mr. Speaker, I would think that the questions that he is referring to in his speech, which were on the Baie Verte Task Force, were questions which would have been discussed in Cabinet. The best man to answer those questions would have been the Premier who is not in his seat today, so therefore he asked the Government House Leader. When the Question Period went on, Mr. Speaker, and we did ask a question of that minister, he did not give us a satisfactory answer. So if this is a parliamentary government where the Cabinet makes the decisions, then the Government House Leader, the President of the Council, the Deputy Premier should certainly be the person to answer those questions.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

To that point of order, there is a difference of opinion between two hon. members.

The hon. member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

MR. RIDEOUT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I chose deliberately not to respond, Mr. Speaker, just because it is a deliberate effort to waste time. The fact of the matter, Mr. Speaker, is that the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force was set up under the responsibility of the Chairman of the Resource Policy Committee of Cabinet, who happens to be the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor). When that hon. gentleman got out of his seat today to answer questions, what did the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) say? I hope the media picked it up, Mr. Speaker. What did the hon. gentleman say? 'I do not want any response from this gentleman'. This is the minister directly responsible for this report. This is the minister, Mr. Speaker, to whom the six or seven people on the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force answer. This is the man they make their recommendations to, this is the man who takes them to Cabinet, this is the man who goes and looks for funding for them, this is the man who asks the Cabinet to implement their recommendations. Did they ask this man the questions, Mr. Speaker?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No.

MR. RIDEOUT: No, they did not. They wanted, Mr. Speaker, the media to report that, this gentleman did not get a chance to answer, that hopefully they could get somebody else to answer who might appear on the surface not to know what he was talking about. That was the game plan, Mr. Speaker, but they got sadly mistaken because the President of the Council (Mr. Marshall), as usual, knew

MR. RIDEOUT: exactly what he was talking about and knew exactly what this government has done as far as the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force report goes.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to go into some detail on the fifty recommendations in this report and let us see where this government stands. I wish I could have answered the questions, Mr. Speaker. Let us see, Mr. Speaker, where this government stand on the fifty recommendations. How many recommendations in this report relate to the Government of Canada, Mr. Speaker? How many? Twenty out of fifty. Forty per cent of the recommendations in this report, Mr. Speaker, are relative to jurisdictions that directly falls under the Government of Canada. What has been their response, Mr. Speaker?

MR. HODDER A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RIDEOUT: You see, Mr. Speaker, they do not want to hear it but I will get my thirty minutes anyway.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward) Order, please!

A point of order, the hon. member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, if 40 per cent of those recommendations deal directly with the federal government, then I would suspect that the hon. member's friends in the federal government on the Opposition benches will ask those question. For the 60 per cent that refer to this particular government, it is up to us to ask questions about them.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Sit down. Sit down.

MR. HODDER: And he said that that minister was the minister who is responsible for Baie Verte. I can tell the member that that hon. gentleman, who is now absent, the Premier is the person responsible to the people of this Province and in his absence the Government House Leader (Mr. Marshall) is responsible.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. RIDEOUT: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!

To that point of order, the hon.

the member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

MR. RIDEOUT: Just briefly to the point of order.

I am not going to make any great response because it is only a deliberate attempt to cut into my time, but for somebody in this House to get up and cast aspersions about the Premier being absent when they know very well he is in his district attending a funeral, Mr. Speaker, is despicable.

MR. HODDER: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: To that point of order again, the hon. the member for Port au Port.

MR. HODDER: Mr. Speaker, I cast no aspersions on the Premier being absent. I said the hon. gentleman who is now absent, in his absence the House Leader (Mr. Marshall), as happened today in the House of Assembly, is responsible. He is the Deputy Premier, the President of the Council, the Government House Leader and, goodness knows, a minister without portfolio, the minister responsible for the Petroleum Directorate and, Mr. Speaker, if this is a parliamentary government and these Task Force recommendations are as important as the member opposite says, then, Mr. Speaker, obviously the hon. member is the best person to answer those questions.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

I rule there is no point of order.

The hon. the member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

MR. RIDEOUT: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

'Recommendation number one, that the road network on the Baie Verte Peninsula be upgraded immediately and pavement be laid over a planned period of

MR. RIDEOUT: time.' What have we done, Mr. Speaker? Fleur de Lys, Coachman's Cove upgraded and paved, Seal Cove upgraded and paved, Burlington road under reconstruction, the Westport road under reconstruction, the Ming's Bight road under reconstruction.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. RIDEOUT: Recommendation number one, Mr. Speaker, relates to this particular government.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. RIDEOUT: Recommendation number two, Mr. Speaker, 'that there be a review of the present procedure for the issuing of crab harvesting licences.' Does that come under this government? No, Mr. Speaker, but we have been fighting it with the people of Fleur de Lys and the people of LaScie and with the people on the Task Force and with the people on the Baie Verte Peninsula Development Association, we have been fighting the federal government with them so that they could put some licences down in that area. We have been doing that for the last three or four years and we will continue. So recommendation number two, Mr. Speaker, does not apply in terms of jurisdiction to this particular government. Number 2:2,

MR. RIDEOUT:

'that any crab licence not prosecuted full time be rescinded,'

Mr. Speaker, that again, obviously, is a recommendation applicable to the federal government; 2:3 that four crab licences be issued to fishermen on the Baie Verte Peninsula who will offer to catch for the LaScie plant, federal, there is not much we can do about it,

Mr. Speaker, only support them as we have done; 2:4 that indepth research be conducted into the overall potential of the LaScie plant, especially in the canning and the processing of secondary products and by-products.

Mr. Speaker, this government has put a lot of dollars and a lot of time and a lot of research into that particular recommendation over the last number of months. There has been a crab processing licence issued for LaScie. The only problem with issuing a processing licence is that we do not have the ability to issue a harvesting licence, so we have gone along with that particular recommendation and we have supported National Sea Products in LaScie in their effort to upgrade and expand into other species the facility that they already have in LaScie. I do not want to be accused of missing out on anything here three phase power to be brought into Wild Cove. I guess, Mr. Speaker, that can be said to be a provincial responsibility.

We have a programme in place whereby we cost share the bringing into areas in the Province three phase power for industrial development. We have gone to the particular operator in Wild Cove and said that we are prepared to cost share as far as we can the implementation of this particular recommendation. So that is a provincial responsibility, we have taken our responsibility seriously

MR. RIDEOUT: and we have gone to the company and said, 'Look here, we have a programme to help you out on that. If you are prepared to go ahead with it, we are prepared to look at the utilization of funding as far as we can from provincial resources.'

The potential of the fish plant at Fleur de Lys. Well, the fish plant at Fleur de Lys I have already addressed, Mr. Speaker. There is a crab processing licence issued for that facility by this government; there is a groundfish processing licence

MR. RIDEOUT: issued for that facility by this government, so this government have done all it can with the jurisdiction that it has over licencing as far as that facility goes.

'2:10 - No less than four crab licences be issued to the people at Fleur de Lys.' Again I have already dealt with that. That is a federal responsibility. 'That the Provincial Department of Fisheries research the viability of additional fish plants and feeder plants on the Baie Verte Peninsula.' We have done that, Mr. Speaker. We have looked at Nipper's Harbour, we have looked at Pacquet, and we are presently looking at Seal Cove. And we have had extensive discussions over the last number of months with the operator on the Baie Verte Peninsula, with National Sea, with tying in an integrated fish processing operation on the Baie Verte Peninsula. And I am very happy to say, Mr. Speaker, that we are meeting with great success, and that those places that have been identified by the Task Force, I believe that we will be able to accommodate the recommendations that the Task Force makes.

2:12, 2:13, 2:14, and 2:15 are federal, 2:16 - artificial dryers. We have received only recently a proposal from a group of private businessmen on the Baie Verte Peninsula about installing not only artificial dryers, but also solar dryers on an experimental basis on the Baie Verte Peninsula. So that is presently being assessed by the government.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I can go on through all of those. But what I want to say is this -

MR. HODDER: What about recommendations 2:20, 2:21, 2:22, 3:1, 3:2, 3:6 and 4:6?

MR. RIDEOUT: Mr. Speaker, if the hon. gentleman would undertake to give me leave to continue, I will undertake to go through each one of them. Is that the understanding?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Oh, oh!

MR. RIDEOUT:

Is that the understanding?

MR. WALSH:

By leave!

MR. RIDEOUT:

If the hon. gentleman will undertake to give me leave, I will go through each one of them.

MR. HODDER:

No, I am not going to give you leave.

MR. RIDEOUT:

No?

But I will go back to some of the ones that the hon. gentleman mentioned, Mr. Speaker. He mentioned 2:21. I believe it was 2:21 he said.

MR. HODDER:

2:20.

MR. RIDEOUT:

'2:20 - that research into the production of seal meat be vigorously pursued and that a high-powered salesman be engaged by the provincial government to establish an international market.'

Now, Mr. Speaker, this government have had very expensive discussions with the Canadian Sealers Association on the utilization of that half-finished facility at Fleur de Lys - half-finished not because of us, Mr. Speaker, half-finished because of the Government of Canada. And we have told them, the provincial Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) has told them, we have told them that we will be of assistance in any alternatives that the Canadian Sealers Association put forth and they have expressed a keen interest in it, a very keen interest in it, and we have told them that we will be very interested in any assistance in any way we can, in any proposal that they put forth to operate Fleur de Lys. Because it is obvious, Mr. Speaker, that the federal government do not want Fleur de Lys to operate. That is obvious. But seal processing, Mr. Speaker, comes under this government, and this government have told

MR. RIDEOUT:

the people on the Sealers Association—Mark Small, the President, Harold Small and others—that we will do whatever we have to do to make sure that Fleur de Lys becomes a seal processing centre if that is the route that the Canadian Sealers Association want to go. We have encouraged them with money, we have encouraged them with financing, we have encouraged them with research and we are continuing to encourage them up until this day to utilize the half-finished facility in Fleur de Lys. Now, Mr. Speaker, I can go to others but before I run out of time there are a couple that I want to make particular reference to.

The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) got up today and talked about the silicon operation in LaScie. Mr. Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition failed to say that there were samples taken out of that silicon deposit in La Scie and sent away to prime silicon users in the world and the report came back negative, there were too many impurities in the silicon. Was that mentioned in the House today?

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

No.

MR. RIDEOUT:

No. That was a recommendation that this government did not do anything about. What about the prime recommendation of this report, Mr. Speaker, that this government extend the mandate of the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force so that they can continue to evaluate and make presentations to government about which of those recommendations, if any, can be identified and take off with. What have we done about that, Mr. Speaker? Did we neglect that? Did we give that up? No, Mr. Speaker, we extended their mandate. They now have an indefinite mandate to continue to evaluate the things they have identified here

MR. RIDEOUT: and to identify them and come to us and say, 'Can we proceed with this? Do you have somebody in mind to proceed with this? Have you identified an entrepreneur to proceed with this?' We have extended their mandate. We could have let it drop, Mr. Speaker. We could have put the report on the shelf and let it gather dust. That is not the way this government operates, Mr. Speaker, so we extended their mandate and they now have a mandate that continues on for as long as they deem necessary. To deal with the minister who is Chairman

MR. RIDEOUT:

of the Resource Policy Committee of Cabinet, the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor), and the other four or five minutes who make up the Resource Policy Committee of Cabinet: What did we do about the recommendation in here on tourism, Mr. Speaker? We heard the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) mention that briefly today. He did not say anything about the fact that there is a development officer now in the process of being seconded to this group so that they can develop a tourism package for the Baie Verte Peninsula. He did not talk about the development of a trail, similar to the Viking trail that will be called the Dorset Trail, that will lead from the Trans-Canada Highway to Fleur de Lys, where there are Eskimo carvings going back over 2,000 years ago, the first miners ever to inhabit the North American Continent. He did not mention that, Mr. Speaker.

The Leader of the Opposition got up here today in an attempt to try to do something similar to what he has done here on a number of other days, and that is to leave a little insidious message with the media who will go out and make a report on the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force that government has forgotten about it, that government has done nothing about, that government does not even know about it exists. Well, Mr. Speaker, I will tell you something, the people in Baie Verte are going to know because I am going to make sure that the questions and the answers are sent out, as well as the comments that I have made here today, so that the people on the Peninsula know the little games, Mr. Speaker, that the Liberal Opposition makes on their backs. That is what they are going to know, Mr. Speaker.

MR. RIDEOUT: Like the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) got up in this House, Mr. Speaker, only last week and he took his little darts at work sharing at the asbestos mine in Baie Verte. He did not come right out and say it, Mr. Speaker, because he wanted to walk that little, thin line, he wanted to walk that fence, Mr. Speaker, he wanted to do that, Mr. Speaker. He did not say too much lest he might find himself at odds with the union, for example. Because everybody knows, as I said in this House last week, everybody knows that there is a collective agreement between the employer and the representatives of the employees, and if you are going to have work sharing, then both groups have got to agree to work sharing. The collective agreement says you call people back by the seniority that they have in the previous operation. I did not put it there, the government did not put it there, it was put there at the agreement of employer and employee. So to get up and talk about work sharing and leave out half the material is just not fair, Mr. Speaker. It is not fair to the people who have the report what the hon. gentleman says, and it is not fair to the people on the Baie Verte Peninsula, who from time to time may have work sharing mentioned to them.

MR. RIDEOUT:

When it was mentioned to me, Mr. Speaker, I did not mince any words whatsoever. I just went back to them straight, as I do all the time, and I said, 'Work sharing is a great concept. I am in favour of work sharing, but unless your representative, which is the union, and the employer, which is the company, can sit down and work out an agreement on work sharing, I cannot tear up your collective agreement, the Government of Newfoundland cannot tear up your collective agreement.' So why should we, Mr. Speaker, try to leave the impression that we can just for pure political purposes? So that is the kind of thing, Mr. Speaker, that is really not fair about his use of this very excellent report. That is the kind of thing, Mr. Speaker, that does not leave a good taste in the mouths of anybody on the Baie Verte Peninsula who is struggling under very difficult times.

This report, Mr. Speaker, is one of the finest Task Force reports that I have ever read. This government has been dealt with the Task Force on a continuous basis. The Task Force has been here and met with the Resource Policy Committee of Cabinet and with the Premier and with the various ministers I do not know how often, and the ministers have been out to Baie Verte and met with them I do not know how often, and that process is continuing, Mr. Speaker, and that process will continue. This government is not going to say - and it said this to the Task Force people when they came in and presented their report - this government is not going to say that there are fifty recommendations and we will implement them all. We cannot say that, Mr. Speaker. It is impossible, it would be irresponsible, number one, for us to say that, but we can say where you have identified potential areas for development - and that is what the report is entitled, Potential for Growth -

MR. RIDEOUT: where you have identified potential areas for development, then we will use every mechanism at the disposal of this government to give to you to try to attract that development to the Baie Verte Peninsula, whether that be in mining. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) did not mention recommendation 5:1, Mr. Speaker, that vigorous negotiations continue and every avenue be explored to secure the re-opening of the asbestos mine in Baie Verte. He did not ask any questions about that one, Mr. Speaker, because that is the shining light that this government have done on the Baie Verte Peninsula over the last year or so. And it was not easy, let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, And let me tell anybody who thinks it was easy that it was not easy. It was like pulling hen's teeth at times when you were trying to negotiate with dozens and dozens of multi-national groups at the same time and trying to come to an agreement on how you could go about having that mine reactivated.

MR. RIDEOUT: So I will tell you, Mr. Speaker, it was not easy but the government was able to accomplish it. And I said in this House last week and I will say it again, and I said it in many parts of the Province, that we accomplished it with the co-operation of the Government of Canada, and let that be clearly understood. We could not do it on our own, we did not have the financial resources to do it on our own, but they did it in spite of themselves, as I said last week, The biggest problem we had was convincing those people that it was a risk worth taking; not that we should take the risk but that it was a risk worth taking. So let us, Mr. Speaker, hear no more about that.

Let me see; there are a few more recommendations here that I could probably make a comment on.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No leave.

MR. RIDEOUT: No, they refused me that, I do not want leave, they refused me that already.

A 100 ton lift be installed at Fleur de Lys: Now, Mr. Speaker, we all know who builds marine service centres in this Province and the provincial government operates them. I think there was a new one announced for St. Barbe, was it, or Port Saunders only a week or so ago? I mean, these services are built by the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans and they are operated by the Newfoundland Government.

A machine shop to be opened on the Baie Verte Peninsula: We have already had discussions, Mr. Speaker, with a couple of private businessmen who are very interested in that. And the Task Force never meant it this way, for the Newfoundland Government to go out and open up a machine shop. Is that the role of government, Mr. Speaker, to go out on the Baie Verte Peninsula

MR. RIDEOUT: or on the Burin Peninsula or the Bonavista Peninsula and open up a machine shop? Of course it is not. The role of government is to establish the climate so that somebody in private enterprise can go in and establish that machine shop. Well, that is what we have done. By having the Baie Verte asbestos mine re-open, there is now a tremendous potential on the Baie Verte Peninsula for a machine shop. And we have already had inquiries through the Newfoundland and Labrador Development Corporation for assistance and expertise in developing and implementing that kind of recommendation.

So, Mr. Speaker, we have not been very lax. There is not a recommendation there that falls under provincial jurisdiction, I do not believe, but the Task Force if they were called before the Bar of this House, the Task Force members, if they were called before the Bar of this House would have looked at the hon. Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Neary) today and they would have said, 'My son, sit down because you are making a fool of yourself. You do not know what you are talking about. This government has bent over backwards to be co-operative, to provide us with everything that we wanted to carry out our assessment. This government

MR. RIDEOUT:

has bent over backwards in providing us with every opportunity that they can to enable us to attract people to implement our recommendations.' The only problem the Task Force has had, Mr. Speaker, has not been with this government; the problem the Task Force has had has been with the fifteen or twenty recommendations that fall totally under the jurisdiction of the federal government. Why do I say that? There has been no crab harvesting licences issued for Fleur de Lys, or La Scie, which is one of the jewels of the recommendations of this report.

MR. NEARY:

Blame it on Ottawa.

MR. RIDEOUT:

I am not blaming it on Ottawa.

If the hon. gentleman, Mr. Speaker, had the courage of his conviction to be in his seat for the last twenty minutes he would have known that I did not blame it on Ottawa. I have gone through all the provincial recommendations and I have said, and I say again for the benefit of the visitor, Mr. Speaker, that if he had the Task Force before the Bar of this House today, here is what the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force would say to him, 'We are completely, absolutely pleased with the response and with the co-operation that we have received from the provincial government, but it is the federal government that is causing us problems.'

MR. NEARY:

Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward):

A point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY:

Could we have a quorum call,

Mr. Speaker?

MR. SPEAKER:

A quorum call.

Call in the members.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please! There is a quorum present.

The hon. member for Baie Verte - White Bay.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. RIDEOUT: So, Mr. Speaker, in the minute or two left to me, Mr. Speaker, all I can say is that there is not one recommendation as it relates to the provincial government, and the task force can back me up on this, that have not been addressed in detail, not one. The only outstanding recommendations that have not been addressed as it relates to this task force are those that relate to the federal government, particularly in the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

3:1 Tourism, I have dealt with that. 3:2 Flat Water Park Pond, the hon. gentleman asked about that. I will mention that in the minute or so that might be left, Mr. Speaker.

We have already had a look at that. We have already had a look at expansion not only since the Task Force report came out, Mr. Speaker, but I requested it two years ago, and the backup information was done, and the backup information was provided to the Task Force and it can be provided to anybody who wants it, and the backup information shows very clearly, Mr. Speaker, that the occupancy rate of Flat Water Pond Provincial Park over the last five or six or seven years just does not justify it. I will

MR. RIDEOUT:

say it in Baie Verte, I will say it here, I will say it anywhere. You do not expand for the sake of expansion. The occupancy rate for that provincial park just does not justify the further expansion at this time. Maybe sometime down the road it will and then it can be looked at again, but right now the occupancy rate just does not justify it. Recommendation 3:3. 'A park be subsidized to be situated at the end of Baie Verte,' down in the La Scie area. Well, Mr. Speaker, since this report was done we have already had representation done from the Task Force people, we have already had representation from the La Scie area through their council and others that that recommendation not be acted upon. Why, Mr. Speaker? Because if there ever, ever is a possibility of the silicon deposit, then it will be right smack in the middle of where that park was supposed to go. That makes sense, I suppose, Mr. Speaker. The people have asked us to hold off on that, the people have asked us not to do anything about implementing that kind of recommendation at this particular time. I have already addressed the answer to the question with regard to silica deposits. We have had them sent hither and yon. We had a major company come in here and do it and it was found that there were a great deal of impurities in the silica deposit itself - not saying that it might not be possible under better economic conditions to purify the resource, to purify the mineral and utilize it, but at the present time there is a problem with the number of impurities and with the type of impurities that are in that particular resource. So there you have it, Mr. Speaker. Every single recommendation that pertains to the Province has been dealt with and the most important recommendation, Mr. Speaker, and one that government, if they wanted to get rid of this Task Force could have very easily let go, the most important

MR. RIDEOUT: . . . recommendation was the last one, 'That the mandate of the Baie Verte Peninsula Task Force be extended, so that not only would the government have their report and the government act or not act, not only will that happen but there would be a control, there would be an independent group out there to keep tabs on the government, to remind government from time to time whether they were acting or whether they were not acting. So, Mr. Speaker, that is the basic recommendation, the final recommendation of that Task Force report, and we have implemented that and we have extended their mandate and they can go on until they come to government and say, 'Look, we have exhausted all that we set out to do, we do not think there is any more we can do

MR. RIDEOUT: Please disband us, there is nothing else we can do.' And I will conclude by saying, Mr. Speaker, once again for everybody -

MR. CARTER: By leave.

MR. RIDEOUT: No, I do not want leave. I will conclude by saying, Mr. Speaker, that if the Task Force were brought before a committee of this House or the Bar of this House -

AN HON. MEMBER: Hear, hear!

MR. RIDEOUT: - it would not be this government that they would condemn. It would not be the co-operation of any minister, from the Premier right on down, it would not be the co-operation of any civil servant in this government that the Task Force would condemn, it would be the co-operation of another government that they would have problems with, not this government. And, Mr. Speaker, this government is eminently proud that when there was trouble on the Baie Verte Peninsula - and there still is trouble, we are not out of the woods yet - this government is eminently proud that they found a group of people like Bill Dickson, Mike Parry, Jim Quick, Gerald Burton and a whole lot of others to go out voluntarily without any pay and give up their evenings and do a report that is very beneficial to government, that is very beneficial to the people of the Baie Verte Peninsula and to which this government, Mr. Speaker, is committed and is implementing its recommendations in every possible way it can.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for Bellevue.

MR. CALLAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman who just took his seat, I made a comment as he stood, and all

MR. CALLAN: I said simply was that the last time that he spoke I happened to be slotted to speak on our side and that I was trying to follow him again today. But he made a nasty remark and I, of course, had no other choice but to retaliate in like fashion.

Mr. Speaker, the speech the gentleman made today made sense because he talked about the Task Force report and talked about things that government had done, especially in his own district. What the member forgot to mention, Mr. Speaker, was the fact that all of the things that he talked about were done after he crossed the House and joined the Premier and his gang. It was leading up to his re-election that the Premier gave him the thousands and thousands of dollars in spending money that he spent in travelling around the world to try to reactivate the Baie Verte mines. And, of course, the roads that he talked about that were paved and so on, all these were done, Mr. Speaker, at the expense of other areas of the Province that needed paved roads worse, including St. Mary's - The Capes, which, of course, had not got any paved roads in the last four years, the member told us yesterday or the day

MR. CALLAN:

before. But, Mr. Speaker, the member who just took his seat, in his speech today, and in his speech the last day, he ranted and roared, I might make a comment, Mr. Speaker, that the training that that member got for standing and being able to bawl and shout and make the kind of speeches that he makes, the practice that he got he got while he was a Liberal and the experience that he got he got while he was a Liberal. And if I were to pick two of the most forceful speech makers on the government side of the House, Mr. Speaker, I would have to pick two former Liberals, the Premier and, of course, the member for Baie Verte-White Bay (Mr. Rideout). They got their training as Liberals, but they are supporting their present political party for political expediency.

The member for Baie Verte-White Bay jumped on the bandwagon a couple of years ago when he thought it was an opportune time to do so, and, of course, the Premier did it when the tides were going out in 1971-1972, and then he jumped on the bandwagon. One year the Premier was President of the Liberal executive for Green Bay and the next year he was a Tory candidate in the same district.

MR. NEARY:

Anybody can do that.

MR. CALLAN:

And, Mr. Speaker, not only was the Premier a life-long Liberal up until that opportunity came along, but his father before him, even as the Premier was being raised -

MR. MARSHALL:

On a point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas):

On a point of order, the hon.

House Leader.

MR. MARSHALL:

Mr. Speaker, there is a rule of relevancy in the Standing Orders. This is the Budget debate

MR. MARSHALL: I do not see what the hon. gentleman is venting his spleen against the member for Baie Verte-White Bay (Mr. Rideout) who had the consummate courage to do what he did not have the courage to do - of course, he would not be invited over here in the first place - but all of that is beside the point, Mr. Speaker.

The fact of the matter is this is the Budget debate involving the expenditure of over \$2 billion. There is no relationship - the rule of relevancy might be hard to enforce, Mr. Speaker - but there is certainly absolutely no relationship between the Budget and the line of thought that the hon. gentleman is getting on with now.

MR. NEARY: To that point of order, Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): To that point of order, the hon. Leader of the Opposition.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, the hon. gentleman who just took his seat knows that that is not a point of order, Mr. Speaker. All we have to do - the hon. gentleman, I believe, was in his seat - is look to the member for St. John's North (Mr. Carter) when he spoke earlier this afternoon and the hon. gentleman will find out how wide ranging this debate is.

There are two debates in this House, Mr. Speaker, that are wide ranging. And if my hon. colleague wanted to get up and quote from the Bible at this particular point in time, he would be relevant and he would be in order, Mr. Speaker. There may be times when you can enforce the rule of relevancy, but this is not one of those occasions.

Now the hon. gentleman may be testy,

MR. NEARY:

he may want to get the House closed, he may drag in red herrings and he may not like the questions we ask or the type of debate we carry on. I would say that is tough-but the hon. gentleman has to sit there and, whether he likes it or not, he has to take it, Mr. Speaker. I gave the member for Baie Verte (Mr. Rideout) the opportunity today to make a district speech because I raised the matter of the Task Force on the Baie Verte Peninsula. Otherwise the hon. gentleman would have had nothing to talk about. Now tomorrow I will trot out another report and I will give some other member or some other minister an opportunity -

MR. BAIRD:

It is Private Member's Day.

MR. NEARY:

Well, maybe not on Private Member's Day, but I will trot it out on Thursday and give some other member an opportunity to talk, to get up and make a speech. But if we have to provide them with the material, Mr. Speaker, then we will do it. They do not do their homework, they are completely bankrupt of ideas, they have no plans to deal with record unemployment, with the crisis in the fishery, unemployment amongst young people, the Bowater situation, the mining industry in Labrador West, the Buchans situation, Bell Island, Goose Bay, they have no plans to deal with anything, Mr. Speaker.

MR. DOYLE:

I dealt with you on Bell Island.

MR. NEARY:

The hon. gentleman did not deal with anybody on Bell Island, Mr. Speaker. So I would submit to Your Honour that there is no point of order.

MR. CARTER:

To that point of order.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas):

To that point of order.

The hon. member for St. John's North.

MR. CARTER: Mr. Speaker, to that point of order, there is a point here that should be very carefully considered. Until the new Election's Act is brought in, there is no mention anywhere in any of our statutes, or in fact in any of the statutes of Canada, I believe, to political parties, and it is quite out of order, therefore, in this House to make reference to other political parties. Now I realize I have been as guilty as the hon. member, but I regret that and I apologize and I suggest that the hon. member is completely out of order, largely because he is referring to political parties quite apart from the relevancy or lack of it.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): Order, please! To that point of order, it is the budget debate and traditionally one has wide scope for discussion. The hon. member for Bellevue.

MR. NEARY: Good ruling. You are shot down again, 'Bill.' You are wrong again, 'Bill.'

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, as I was saying, I do not begrudge the member for Baie Verte-White Bay (Mr. Rideout) the opportunity that he had to travel around the world, to Ottawa on many occasions and to travel in various parts of the world to try and reactivate the Baie Verte

MR. CALLAN:

mines. I do not begrudge the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) the opportunities that he had to travel to various parts of the world, to Europe and so on, trying to find new markets for the asbestos operation in Baie Verte. Mr. Speaker, it can be plainly seen from the travels that he made and from the amounts of roads that were proved in his district leading up to last Spring's election, that the Premier had one goal in mind and that was to help re-elect the member for Baie Verte - White Bay, who had been so bold, or at least to appear to be so bold as to walk across the House. The common truth of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, that the member for Baie Verte - White Bay won an election in 1979 after he had gone to see the Premier. The Premier said publically that the member for Baie Verte - White Bay had visited him and talked to him about crossing the House, but when Don Jamieson decided to come back and lead the Liberal Party, the member for Baie Verte - White Bay publicly denied what the Premier was saying publicly that the member for Baie Verte - White Bay had been to see him. It was not his first trip to see the Premier. The member for St. George's (Mr. Dawe) was a colleague of the hon. gentleman who was also accused of doing the same thing, so the Premier said. So, unless the Premier is lying, Mr. Speaker, it was not the first trip made by the member for Baie Verte - White Bay to ask the Premier if he could come across. When he did finally cross it was on a phoney issue, as we could all see. Mr. Speaker, in his speech today -

MR. TULK: The offshore is a phoney issue?

MR. DAWE: That is the reason, my friend, that you are over there with eight and we are over here with forty-four.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I will not be interrupted! Unless the Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe) wants to stand and announce that he is going to table his list of roads programmes, Mr. Speaker, I will not be interrupted by the Minister of Transportation.

MR. DAWE: Did you read the list that I tabled from last year?

MR. CALLAN: I am not concerned about last year. We know about last year - all we had to do was look in the newspapers and look for the tender calls and listen to the member for Bonavista South (Mr. Morgan) and the member for Trinity North (Mr. Brett) and all the other members as they went back to their various districts and announced their two or three little bits of pavement here and there. As an example of that, Mr. Speaker, I have a recent newspaper clipping here, 'Tenders called for road work' - this was last week - 'Three tenders have been called for road work in the Trinity - Bay de Verde district, says the area MHA, James Reid,

MR. CALLAN: He talks about about Route 80 from Old Shop, which is in my district, down to the intersection of the New Harbour barrens with this chip seal stuff that nobody wants. They had it in Swift Current last year and there were more broken windshields and complaints about that chip-seal programme, Mr. Speaker, and we will have it again this year.

MR. DAWE: That is nonsense.

MR. CALLAN: It is not nonsense, I talked to officials in the minister's department and they agreed that it was a terrible experience, especially for the people in Swift Current because, you see, when this government wants to try an experiment which will be distasteful and where they want to learn its usefulness, they will try it in a Liberal district, learn about the bad experiences, and then, when they have it refined, they will move it into some Tory district. And that is what happened last year, Mr. Speaker, with the chip seal programme.

Mr. Speaker, the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) and other hon. members on the government side of the House, including the Premier, can stand and they can rant and rave and roar and try to defend this government and its \$28 million deficit budget, they can do it all they want to. The fact of the matter is, Mr. Speaker, that there are hospital beds being closed in this Province and that there are no jobs and the Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) and the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms) confirmed a couple of days ago that this year in this Province this government will create 500 jobs, create 500 seasonal jobs by expending \$1 million, and over 100 of those jobs, Mr. Speaker, we are told by the Minister of Culture, Recreation and Youth, will be traditional Summer Youth employment in the various provincial parks, parks which were

MR. CALLAN: . . . built by the Liberal government before any of these hon. gentlemen opposite ever saw the inside of the Legislature, Mr. Speaker. So they can rant and they can rave and they can try and cover up and raise smoke screens and drag in red herrings all they want to, the fact of the matter is that this, Mr. Speaker, if it is anything at all, at best, Mr. Speaker, is a caretaker government and I rather doubt that it can even be classified as a caretaker, because,

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, this government are not even taking care of what was left to them by the Liberal Party eleven years ago. They are not even taking care of that. The best examples we can see of that, Mr. Speaker, are the many facilities, like the Come BY Chance oil refinery that shut down shortly after this crowd took over and across the Province we see it, Mr. Speaker.

MR. TOBIN: Why did you not run for the Liberals the first time you ran? You broke up poor old Joey's party.

MR. CALLAN: If you have not seen the programme that is unfortunate, many people saw it and enjoyed it very much, the programme on cable television which I did a week or two weeks ago. If you did not see it you should ask your colleagues who did see it, who have told me personally that they really enjoyed it and they had a lot of praise for me.

MR. TOBIN: I turned off the television.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I think the member, who is not in his own seat and again who is heckling and doing what he is so used to doing, being ignorant and so on, I am sure that the time has come by now, Mr. Speaker, for that hon. gentleman to know that a still tongue makes a wise head and that being neither seen nor heard would be the best thing that he could do for his constituents out in Burin - Placentia West.

MR. TOBIN: Tell us what your Leader said about the Liberal Reform members?

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I do not know if you want to name the hon. member, he is not even in his own seat, and I, as Mr. Speaker knows and as the hon. gentleman should know, have the right to be heard in silence. So, Mr. Speaker, if this gentleman continues I hope that you will find it necessary to call him to order and

MR. CALLAN: perhaps even name the gentleman and send him out for the rest of this particular sitting and perhaps allow him back in the Fall.

MR. NEARY: Rowdism is not permitted in this hon. House.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): Order, please!

MR. CALLAN: Now, Mr. Speaker, I want to get on to something else. I have talked about the dismal budget, the do-nothing budget, the \$28 million deficit budget, but Mr. Speaker, I want to do something else and perhaps this will get the attention of the member for Burin - Placentia West (Mr. Tobin). What I want to do, and I am sorry that the Minister of Fisheries is not here, but what I would like to do at this point is tell a couple of jokes and they will be recorded in Hansard, Mr. Speaker, for the benefit of the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan), who does not know which kind of jokes to tell on various occasions, What I will do, Mr. Speaker, is just take a couple of jokes, which are in good taste at any gathering anywhere. And, Mr. Speaker, if I can tell the House, on Saturday night past I was at a banquet table in Swift Current, myself and the federal member for that area as well, Mr. Roger Simmons, but the guest

MR. CALLAN:

speaker, Mr. Speaker, for the evening was a gentleman who had been a police officer in St. John's for forty years. He is retired now and very wisely the gentleman decided after spending forty years and rising to the position of Assistant Chief of Police in St. John's, the hon. gentleman made a very wise decision and now rather than enjoying his retirement or just laying around doing nothing, the hon. gentleman now has become a United Church Minister, and a very good one, I would assume, judging from what he had to say on Saturday night. But before he got into his words of advice and wisdom and so on on Saturday night, he did get into a couple of jokes, and one of these jokes can be told at any gathering without being against the feminist movement or off colour, they are suitable -

MR. NEARY: They are not ethnic.

MR. CALLAN: - they are not ethnic and they are not off colour and they are not, you know, anti-feminist and so on.

MR. CARTER: Are they religious?

MR. CALLAN: No, they are not religious. If the hon. members opposite would stop interrupting, I could very quickly tell it. It is not all that funny but at least I am sure that it was funnier than the jokes that the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) told, last evening, as I was on the way out over the road, I listened to part of the Fishermen's Broadcast and I heard the same tape on CBC that was heard on the Morning Show yesterday morning.

MR. NEARY: I was on Cross Canada Check Up last night.

MR. CALLAN: That is right. Mr. Speaker, very, very distasteful jokes by the Minister of Fisheries.

MR. CALLAN: They thought, Mr. Speaker, that he was a paid jokester. Some of the people thought that he was a paid jokester and when they were told, "No, no, that is Newfoundland's Minister of Fisheries," they were shocked. And all the way back on the airplane, and at the airport, they were continually talking among themselves, about what was it all about and how could a minister be so distasteful in his jokes.

But anyway, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman who is now a United Church Minister, and a good one, I am sure, who was forty years in St. John's with the police department, rose to Deputy Chief, this gentleman told several jokes, but he talked about computers and how some people put a lot of faith in them, and he talked about how you get back from a computer dependent upon what you feed into it and so on. He said there was this Newfoundlander who was in Toronto but he never did care very much for computers, but anyway he passed by and

MR. CALLAN: he said to his friend, 'I think I will test out this computer.'

AN HON. MEMBER: An old joke.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, I know it is an old joke. I heard it before Saturday night, but I am just recording it in Hansard for the benefit of the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) who obviously has not heard it, because if he did then he would have told more jokes that were in line with the gathering and not told the anti-feminist and the racist and the off-colour jokes that he told.

So he said, 'I think I will test this computer.' So he walked up to it and he asked the computer a question. He asked: 'Where is my father?' And the computer came back with the answer: 'Your father is fishing in Bonavista Bay,' - perhaps just off from where the Minister of Fisheries is from, I am not sure, Flat Island, is it? Anyway, the gentleman turned to his friend and said, 'You see, I never did have too much confidence in computers. My father,' he said, 'died ten years ago.' 'But,' he said, 'to give the computer a second chance, I will try it once more.' So he put the question to the computer again. He said, 'Where is my father?' And the computer came back: 'The man that your mother married died ten years ago, your father is fishing out in Bonavista Bay.' So that kind of a joke, Mr. Speaker, is the kind of joke that the Minister of -

MR. CARTER: That is totally sexist.

MR. CALLAN: I tell you what that joke points out, Mr. Speaker, that joke points out one thing: That unthinking Newfoundlander, Mr. Speaker, is like a lot of unthinking Newfoundlanders, judging from the way that they voted last Spring. I am sure that they did not think and they did not ask themselves very many pertinent questions,

MR. CALLAN: because if they had they would not have voted lock, stock and barrel as they did last Spring, only to discover a year later that the Premier and the administration that they voted for have let them down and let them down terribly. And that, of course, Mr. Speaker, is one of the reasons why the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) is so upset today and was the last time he spoke. Why is the member for Baie Verte - White Bay so upset, Mr. Speaker? He is upset because there were a large number of youth delegates at the conference in Gander, about sixty actually, from that member's district alone.

MR. TULK: Sixty-six.

MR. CALLAN: Sixty-six youth delegates from Baie Verte - White Bay alone. Mr. Speaker, the member knows that he won his election last time by 662 votes even after all the work that he had done and the travelling that he had done and all of the paved roads that he had gotten

MR. CALLAN: leading up to the election, which the Premier piled in and piled in so that the member could get re-elected on a P.C. ticket. So, Mr. Speaker, that is an example of that joke, an unthinking man who did not think before he put the question to the computer. And, Mr. Speaker, I do not know if that is enough example of the kinds of jokes that the Minister of Fisheries (Mr. Morgan) should be telling or not. Perhaps I should try another one.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. GOUDIE: No.

MR. CALLAN: The Minister of Rural, Agricultural and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie) is going out for a smoke, Mr. Speaker, so that is fine, he was the only one on that side who said no, so I will go ahead and tell it anyway.

MR. WINDSOR: He is leaving.

MR. CALLAN: He is leaving.

Mr. Speaker, the minister who just spoke has done a fair amount of travelling as well in recent years. If the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) were fair and wanted to be fair to the people of this Province, I believe, in his conscience of consciences, that what he would do - and if Mount Pearl were not so Tory, again what I think he would do is he would go a step further. But he can do it even though Mount Pearl is predominantly Tory. He can still do what the member for Mount Scio (Mr. Barry) did. And I would say, in his conscience of consciences, Mr. Speaker, that the Minister of Development knows full well that, every day that goes by, the people in this Province are suffering because of obstinacy and the lack of a negotiated settlement with Ottawa. Because the Minister of Development, Mr. Speaker, knows better than

MR. CALLAN: anybody else in this Province, perhaps he knows better than the Premier, what a difference an offshore negotiated settlement with Ottawa would make to this Province.

Only three days ago, Mr. Speaker, I talked to a gentleman out in Markland who worked here in St. John's all last Summer and last Winter. And, Mr. Speaker, that gentleman out in Markland has been laid off now. I asked, 'How come you got laid off?' He said, 'Because there is no offshore oil agreement.' That is why the company that he worked for has no plans to continue and to expand in the sort of work that he was involved in.

And all over the Province, Mr. Speaker, not only are people losing the jobs that they had but people every day all over this Province are going on the welfare lines.

MR. CALLAN:

On the Open Line programme this morning, a couple of callers talked about the fact that they were on welfare, who never thought in their wildest dreams that they would ever be subjected to going to the welfare officer, but there they are. And the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor), Mr. Speaker, knows full well, and perhaps he knows better than even the Premier, how much better off this Province would be if we had a negotiated settlement with Ottawa.

SOME HON. MEMBERS:

Hear, hear!

MR. CALLAN:

Because, Mr. Speaker, I sat with the Minister of Development last Spring, as did the member for Carbonear (Mr. Peach), and as did the member - I am not sure if the member for Conception Bay South (Mr. Butt) was there, I do not think he was, but the member for St. Mary's-The Capes (Mr. Hearn), I believe, was there, out in Bay Roberts when we sat down in the offices of - what are they called in Bay Roberts?

MR. TULK:

Port Atlantis.

MR. CALLAN:

Port Atlantis.

One day last week, Mr. Speaker, I dialed the Port Atlantis number and no answer. I got a recording, 'This phone is no longer in service'. Port Atlantis, the people who were going to be saviours who were going to have a magnificent facility related to the offshore and a service base in Bay Roberts.

And, Mr. Speaker, any gentleman who was there, and I think the member for St. Mary's-The Capes was there. He was, yes, and the Minister of Development, and, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman who was in charge there, a Scottish man, I forgot his name now, he talked about the number of jobs that would be created, and he talked about the fact that not

MR. CALLAN: only will there be platforms built, for example, in Spanish Room, and in Bay Roberts, but there could be a dozen under construction at the one time in Come By Chance, a deep harbour and the facility is already there, in Argentia, down on the Burin Peninsula, in Bay Roberts, Mr. Speaker, in Botwood, and all over this Province we could have 500 and 600 men employed in one particular job alone, people who could be bused in, Mr. Speaker, from a forty or fifty mile radius to work on these particular jobs. And the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor), Mr. Speaker, knows better than anybody else how this Province is losing and how much degradation and embarrassment that people of this Province are suffering, Mr. Speaker, because they have to go to the welfare officer when they wish and hope and pray they could be out working, which is what they want to be involved in any way.

Mr. Speaker, it makes you wonder and it makes you ask a question, it makes you wonder -

DR. COLLINS: Why do you think the feds will not answer our proposal?

MR. CALLAN: The Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) talks about the feds. I just mentioned that there will be 500 jobs for students in this Province created by the provincial government at a cost of \$1 million, we were told, about \$2,000 average

MR. CALLAN:

for 500 young people. Now, how many jobs are being created by the federal government, Mr. Speaker? The Minister of Finance (Dr. Collins) should know. There are thousands.

DR. COLLINS: The federal and the provincial government create thousands.

MR. CALLAN: Oh, I see. What is your percentage?

DR. COLLINS: Oh, it is a very high percentage.
(Inaudible)

MR. CALLAN: Yes, about 10 per cent, I guess. About 10 per cent, where you try to get 90 per cent of the credit as is usual with projects that happen in this Province - federal and provincial, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Development (Mr. Windsor) tabled an answer to a question for me today - the cost of the trip to Chicago last year. In December, 1982, the minister made a trip to Chicago and he spent \$865.60. Nothing wrong with that if it brought any returns, Mr. Speaker. And I am sure that the member for Baie Verte - White Bay (Mr. Rideout) in his many travels to Ottawa and his other travels around the world, spent an awful lot more than that of the taxpayers' dollars.

But if it meant getting the Baie Verte mines back on its feet, I would say money well spent, Mr. Speaker. But is this money well spent? We do not know if this is money well spent or not. As the minister said, Anaconda Aluminum of Louisville, Kentucky, FRCO, they are doing a feasibility study into an aluminum plant. Now, where will it be?

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): Order, please!

The hon. member's time has elapsed.

MR. CALLAN: Mr. Speaker, my time has elapsed, I will get on to it some other time, Mr. Speaker.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: By leave.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No leave.

MR. SPEAKER (McNicholas): Is the House ready for the question?

MR. LUSH: Mr. Speaker, I just want to say a few more words if I may?

AN HON. MEMBER: The hon. gentleman already spoke.

MR. LUSH: Did I speak on the main motion?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes.

MR. LUSH: Oh, I was not aware of that. I spoke to the amendment, I did not know I spoke to the main motion.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh.

MR. NEARY: Mr. Speaker, could we have the records checked? All my hon. colleague wants to do is speak to the main motion, Mr. Speaker.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, on that point of order. What the hon. gentleman is doing is making a charade of the House. If he was in he would know his colleague spoke this afternoon. The hon. minister has risen and he is entitled to be recognized.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!
The hon. Minister of Finance.
If he speaks now he closes the debate.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I move that this resolution be accepted.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Hear, hear.

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MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): All those in favour "aye".
SOME HON. MEMBERS: Aye.
MR. SPEAKER: Contrary "nay".
SOME HON. MEMBERS: Nay.
MR. SPEAKER: I declare the "ayes" have it.
SOME HON. MEMBERS: Divide.
MR. SPEAKER: Call in the members.

DIVISION:

MR. SPEAKER: All those in favour of the motion,
please rise.

The hon. the Minister of Development
(Mr. Windsor), the hon. the Minister of Rural, Agricultural
and Northern Development (Mr. Goudie), the hon. the Minister
of Education (Ms. Verge), the hon. the Minister of Finance
(Dr. Collins), the hon. the President of the Council (Mr.
Marshall), Dr. McNicholas, Mr. Stewart, the hon. the Minister
Responsible for Communications (Mr. Doyle), the hon. the Minister
of Culture, Recreation and Youth (Mr. Simms), the hon. the
Minister of Transportation (Mr. Dawe), the hon. the Minister
of Public Works and Services (Mr. Young), the hon. the Minister
of Municipal Affairs (Mrs. Newhook), the hon. the Minister
of the Environment (Mr. Andrews), the hon. the Minister
of Health (Mr. House), Mr. Carter, Mr. McLennon, Mr. Baird,
Mr. Peach, Mr. Tobin, Mr. Cross, Dr. Twomey, Mr. Rideout,
Mr. Matthews, Mr. Butt, Mr. Hearn, Mr. Osmond.

MR. SPEAKER: All those against the motion,
please rise.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER: Order, please!

The hon. the Leader of the Opposition
(Mr. Neary), Mr. Callan, Mr. Hodder, Mr. Tulk, Mr. Lush,
Mr. Hiscock.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Oh, oh!

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please!
Twenty-six for, six against. I
declare the motion is carried.

On motion, that the House resolve
itself into Committee of Ways and Means, Mr. Speaker,
left the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF WAYS AND MEANS

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): Order, please!

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The hon. the President of the
Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I move that the
Committee of Ways and Means rise, report progress and ask
leave to sit again.

On motion, that the Committee
rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, Mr.
Speaker returned to the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for
St. John's Centre.

MR. MCNICHOLAS: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of
Ways and Means have considered the matters to them referred,
report progress and ask leave to sit again.

On motion, report received
and adopted, Committee ordered to sit again, presently,
by leave.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the Minister of Finance.

DR. COLLINS: Mr. Speaker, I wish to advise
that I have received a message from His Honour the Lieutenant-
Governor,

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Please rise for a message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor.

"I, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Newfoundland, transmit estimates of sums required for the Public Service of the Province for the year ending 31st. day of March 1984, by way of further supply and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution Act of 1867 I recommend these estimates to the House of Assembly.

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W. Anthony Paddon,
Lieutenant-Governor."

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker.

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, I move that the message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be referred to the Committee of Supply.

On motion, that the House resolve itself into Committee of Supply to consider the message of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): Order, please!

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Chairman, I move that the total amount contained in the message from His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor be carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion, that the total of the estimates contained in the message be carried, carried.

MR. MARSHALL: That is \$1,344,806,200-for the record, Mr. Chairman.

On motion, that the Committee rise, report progress and ask leave to sit again, Mr. Speaker returned to the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Order, please! The hon. member for St. John's Centre.

DR. MCNICHOLAS: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of Supply have considered the matters to them referred and have passed the amount of \$1,344,806,200 contained in the estimates of supply, and ask leave to sit again.

On motion, report received and adopted, Committee ordered to sit again presently, by leave.

On motion, that the House resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to consider the report of the Committee of Supply with respect to the estimates for the fiscal year 1983 - 84, together with a resolution and a bill consequent thereto, Mr. Speaker left the Chair.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): Order, please!

Shall the resolution carry?

RESOLUTION

That it is expedient to introduce a measure to provide for the granting to Her Majesty for defraying certain expenses of the Public Service for the financial year ending the 31st day of March, 1984, the sum of one billion three hundred and forty-four million eight hundred and six thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,344,806,200).

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On motion, resolution carried.

MR. CHAIRMAN (McNicholas): Shall the bill carry?

On motion, bill carried.

On motion, that the Committee
rise and report having passed a resolution and a bill
consequent thereto, Mr. Speaker, returned to the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): The hon. the member for St. John's Centre.

DR. MCNICHOLAS: Mr. Speaker, the Committee of the Whole have met and considered the matters to them referred and report having passed a resolution and a bill consequent thereto and ask leave to sit again.

On motion, report received and adopted, bill ordered read a first, second and third time now, by leave.

On motion, a bill, "An Act For Granting To Her Majesty Certain Sums Of Money For Defraying Certain Expenses Of The Public Service For The Financial Year Ending The Thirty-First Day Of March One Thousand Nine Hundred And Eighty-Four And For Other Purposes Relating To The Public Service", read a first, second and third time, ordered passed and its title be as on the Order Paper. (Bill No. 38).

MR. SPEAKER: The hon. the President of the Council.

MR. MARSHALL: Mr. Speaker, before moving the adjournment of the House, I would like to advise members that, pursuant to an agreement entered into with the hon. the member for Port au Port (Mr. Hodder), tomorrow we will be considering the resolution on the Order Paper in the name of the hon. the member for Grand Bank. It is my understanding that we will consider that resolution tomorrow and it will take its course on the following Wednesday, and then the next resolution coming on the Order Paper will be the one in the name of the member for the Strait of Belle Isle (Mr. Roberts). So perhaps, Mr. Speaker, we could amend the Order paper, not for tomorrow, I realize, but the Order Paper could be amended accordingly so that the resolution by the member for Grand Bank appears before the resolution by the member for the Strait of Belle Isle.

MR. SPEAKER: Agreed?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Agreed.

MR. SPEAKER (Aylward): Agreed.

The hon. the President of the
Council.

MR. MARSHALL: With that agreement then, Mr.
Speaker, I move that the House at its rising do adjourn until
tomorrow, Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m. and that this House do now
adjourn.

On motion, the House at its
rising adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 18, 1983,
at 3:00 p.m.

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ANSWER TO QUESTION #85

Appearing on Order Paper #17/83, Tuesday, April 12, 1983.

Asked by The Honourable the Member for Bellevue, Mr. Callan.

Question: Mr. Callan [Bellevue] - To ask the Honourable the Minister of Development to lay upon the Table of the House the following information:

List of names and salaries of Executive Assistants, Parliamentary Assistants and Public Relations specialists appointed to the Minister's staff for the fiscal years 1979, 1980, 1981 and 1982.

Answer:	<u>Year</u>	<u>Executive Assistant</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	1980	Brian Greene	\$25,490.
	1981	Patrick O'Keefe	27,529.
	1981*	Neil Matthews	31,869.

* Mr. Matthews has remained on the Minister's staff since his appointment.

There were no Public Relations Specialists appointed to the Minister's office for the periods specified in the Question; however, Mr. Fred R. Stagg, M.H.A., was appointed Parliamentary Secretary [Resource Policy Committee of Cabinet] in 1982 at a salary of \$12,500. per annum.

MR. SPEAKER

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4(2) OF THE
PUBLIC TENDER ACT, THE ACT NO. 68 OF
1974, I WISH TO TABLE THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION CONCERNING THE AWARDING OF
TENDERS TO OTHER THAN THE LOWEST BIDDER.

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