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Economist John Richards appointed Phillips Scholar in Social Policy at the C.D. Howe Institute

Toronto, February 12, 2001 — The C.D. Howe Institute today announced the appointment of economist John Richards to the newly created position of Phillips Scholar in Social Policy at the Institute.

As Phillips Scholar, one of Professor Richards' first priorities will be to organize work the C.D. Howe Institute is undertaking on urban native policy. Increasingly, native Canadians are moving to cities, but often find themselves in poor, inner-city neighborhoods. The Institute will hold a conference on this subject in Regina, in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Institute of Public Policy. The Institute also plans to publish several monographs on urban native policy.

Professor Richards, a Fellow-in-Residence of the C.D. Howe Institute, grew up in Saskatchewan and served as a member of that province's legislature during the first term of the Blakeney government from 1971 to 1975. For the first two years of his term, he was legislative secretary to the minister of health. In mid-term, he crossed the floor and sat as an "independent socialist." In his words, he has "since mellowed and rejoined the NDP." Trained as an economist, he currently teaches in the business faculty at Simon Fraser University. He has written on resource policy, labor relations, and public policy, and is the author of *Retooling the Welfare State: What's Right, What's Wrong, What's to Be Done* (C.D. Howe Institute, 1998).

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