

not think that tax incentives can really help hard pressed companies.

When he refers to research and development, we agree with his option. However, he should tell us how this should be done. We are concerned because any increase in research and development will result in higher unemployment. Hon. Members opposite are the first to tell us that the unemployment rate is too high in Canada.

I would like him to deal with this problem, while we have to promote advanced technology and no one on this side of the House would deny it, we realize that this kind of development displaces people. Some machines used for forestry work, for example, take the place of 20 or 30 men; in logging camps where there used to be 200 men, they have been replaced by 25 equipment operators.

So, what does he intend to do to solve the problem of those people who will lose their jobs because of high tech? In conclusion, I would ask him to explain what he meant with regard to the forest industry, which was the main theme of his speech, when he condemned the federal government for doing nothing. First of all, is he aware that the forest industry comes under the jurisdiction—

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Guilbault):** Order, please. I must interrupt the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary. The ten-minute period allowed for questions and comments has expired. We go back to the debate—

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**Mr. Dave Dingwall (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources):** Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the Hon. Member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. St. Germain) on his maiden speech here in the House of Commons and to share his kind words about his predecessor, to whom I often referred as a real rose and whose friendship I enjoyed in my short time here in the House. I also want to take this opportunity, Mr. Speaker, on the first occasion I have had to speak since you have been elevated to the position you now occupy, to congratulate you on your elevation and wish you well.

In reflecting upon the contents of the Speech from the Throne, I think it correctly addresses some of the concerns my constituents have for the securing of peace and, of course, prosperity. I will have some comments on the issue of world peace, Mr. Speaker, but suffice it to say that today we as Members of Parliament, indeed as Canadians, were treated to a debate, or better still a statement of policy, issued by the three political Parties that now occupy the House of Commons. We heard from the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau), from the Leader of the Official Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) and from the Leader of the New Democratic Party (Mr. Broadbent). I thought all the speeches were eloquent, but in particular, perhaps because of my biases, the Prime Minister's speech and, more important, the initiatives he has taken in the

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last number of months to try to inject some political energy into this very important issue. We have seen his initiatives in visiting other countries and debating and discussing this issue with world leaders, both privately as well as at various conferences. There is the role that the Secretary of State for External Affairs (Mr. MacEachen) has played in initiating and organizing some of these events. We also have the Prime Minister's address to the United Nations. This demonstration of political will is extremely important and I think Canadians generally, regardless of political affiliation or historical political beliefs, are coming to understand that the securing of world peace is a goal shared by all Canadians. I think we wish our Prime Minister well in the many months ahead in trying to achieve a better dialogue between the East and the West.

Security of prosperity, Mr. Speaker, is also of real concern to the constituents I represent. The Speech from the Throne had a number of measures, only some of which I will refer to. In particular, Mr. Speaker, the one which I believe is of great importance to the people I represent is that of medicare. Much has been said and much will be said about medicare, but to me medicare is the real cornerstone of the Canadian fabric. It is nice to be able to go to any part of Canada and receive medical services, unlike other countries. My constituents, whether a steel worker, a miner, a nurse, a teacher, or a professional, have all come to understand and appreciate the money that Governments, both federal and provincial, have given for medicare. I think they share the goals and objectives contained in the new Canada Health Act. Yes, there will be debate concerning the changing of a sentence, indeed a paragraph, of the new Act, but I think overall the pith and substance is something that my constituents will approve overwhelmingly.

The Speech from the Throne talks about a partnership of business, government, labour and the Canadian people. That is very important if we are to obtain the goal of security of prosperity. Governments, whether federal, provincial or municipal, cannot create economic wealth in this country to provide the thousands of jobs so desperately needed. They must act in co-operation with all levels of government, as well as business and labour. We cannot afford the luxury of saying it is the provinces' fault. Labour cannot afford the luxury of saying, "Well, it is business". Likewise, business cannot afford the luxury of saying that the problems could be eradicated if only labour would be more co-operative. That easy way out, Mr. Speaker, is a luxury that Members of Parliament and the Canadian people will not allow to go on any longer. There must be the will by governments of all persuasion, in all regions, there must be the will by labour, organized and unorganized, there must be the will by business, both big and small, to address the issues affecting Canadians in every region of this country.

From a regional point of view, Mr. Speaker, you could argue that one region has benefited more than another. But the 1.5 million unemployed just want a job so that they can have the amenities many of us take for granted.

The Speech from the Throne also made reference to pensions for the elderly. I do not know if there is a Member in this