

Next I shall quote part of George Radwanski's column in the *Financial Times* of March 28, 1977, entitled, "Unemployment: A Bungled Job." Mr. Radwanski, whose column I read regularly, is not one of the government's bitter opponents. On the whole he is kindly disposed to it, but he said this in his column:

It is simply not true that the jobs are there to be had, if only the unemployed weren't too lazy to pursue them. For 932,000 unemployed, Statistics Canada listed only 37,800 full-time job vacancies. For at least 894,200 Canadians, in other words, all the zeal in the world couldn't produce a steady job.

This carries a number of consequences.

In the first place, it violates one of the most basic objectives of a free, prosperous society: To give every willing citizen the opportunity to pursue gainful employment commensurate with his abilities. Without that opportunity, many other freedoms mean little. When unemployment becomes widespread and chronic, the whole system is working badly.

Secondly, unemployment exacts a heavy social cost. When people are involuntarily cut off from the job market, their self-esteem diminishes, their sense of alienation from society steadily increases and at a certain point they simply stop trying, creating a lasting pattern of non-productivity and dependency.

I hope the Secretary of State (Mr. Roberts) is listening, for he is supposed to be concerned about national unity. I wanted to put Mr. Radwanski's thoughts on record, because they echo mine and I have been accused of speaking them for partisan, political reasons. Mr. Radwanski went on to say:

There is also a risk of serious political consequences. Unemployment is becoming particularly serious among the young, with the seasonally-adjusted rate in the 15 to 24 age group now running at 14.4 per cent; this is the age group, of course, that can most easily become radicalized and alienated. The problem has special dimensions in Quebec, where the youth unemployment rate stands at 16 per cent. That can make pro-Confederation arguments sound rather unconvincing to young Quebecers, and contribute to the volatility of the situation.

Despite these hazards, present levels of unemployment are no unforeseen accident.

Mr. Radwanski analyses carefully—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. It being four o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of private members' business as listed on today's order paper, namely, notices of motions, public bills, and private bills.

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BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. Macdonald (Rosedale): Mr. Speaker, I wonder if I could rise on a point of order to inform hon. members, before the House proceeds with private members' business, that the government proposes to call order No. 51 on Monday, the amendments to the criminal law.

PRIVATE MEMBERS' PUBLIC BILLS

[English]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order, please. Order No. 15, in the name of the hon. member for Richmond (Mr. Beaudoin).

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An hon. Member: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Shall it stand at the request of the government?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order No. 16, in the name of the hon. member for Davenport (Mr. Caccia).

An hon. Member: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Shall it stand at the request of the government?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order No. 18, in the name of the hon. member for Hastings (Mr. Ellis).

An hon. Member: Stand.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Shall the order stand at the request of the government?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Order No. 19, standing in the name of the hon. member for Waterloo-Cambridge (Mr. Saltsman). Shall the order stand at the request of the government?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. Milne: Mr. Speaker, if I may rise on a point of order, I think there is general agreement to proceed with Bill C-229, and to limit the length of speeches. I understand several hon. members wish to participate in the debate.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): Is it agreed that all orders prior to order No. 29 under private members' public bills shall be stood at the request of the government?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): And that the length of speeches shall be limited to ten minutes, in accordance with the wish brought to my attention earlier?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Ethier): It is so ordered.

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BROADCASTING ACT

AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE GUIDELINES RESPECTING THE PORTRAYAL OF SEX AND VIOLENCE

Mr. James A. McGrath (St. John's East) moved that Bill C-229, to amend the Broadcasting Act, (guidelines respecting portrayal of sex and violence), be read the second time and