

Quebec. Mr. Speaker, when will this government finally take the responsibility for its own actions, set interest rates itself and stop hiding behind the Governor of the Bank of Canada?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, I must say that when the hon. member was on this side of the House, he agreed wholeheartedly with our government's policies.

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**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, my question is directed to the Minister of Finance.

The government's economic policies have set the transport industry into a complete tail spin. In just a matter of days, Air Canada has laid off close to 3,000 people and CN has let go another 1,500 hard working Canadians.

Given the government's failing right wing economic agenda of privatization, deregulation, and high interest rates, what is the minister prepared to do to save the thousands of much needed jobs in the transport sector? It is a key industry in our national economy.

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, the hon. member is referring to our policies of privatization, deregulation, and high interest rates which are designed to control inflation.

If he would look at countries around the world, such as the eastern European countries, Australia, or New Zealand which do not call themselves right wing countries, he would see that the exact same policies of privatization, deregulation, and inflation control are being followed there.

The whole point that I am making to my hon. friend is that if he would take his head out of the sand and look at what is happening around the world today, understanding the types of economic policies that are followed throughout the world to deal with the economic challenges we have as a country, he would be supportive of our economic policy.

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, talking about sand, if the minister removed the sand between his ears, he might see what is happening to our country.

### Oral Questions

My supplementary question is directed to the same minister.

Upon announcing the policy of deregulation, the Deputy Prime Minister said: "This government will monitor the effects of change upon the employees and will respond to any adverse consequences as humanely as possible."

I ask the minister: Will the government keep this promise and provide the necessary adjustment programs to help the thousands upon thousands of Canadian workers who have been displaced, particularly now that we are into a full blown recession, created by this one Minister of Finance?

**Hon. Barbara McDougall (Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, only the Liberals would regard \$800 million worth of adjustment programs as being insignificant. That is what is being held up by the hon. member's colleagues in the Senate.

Some hon. members: VER, VER.

**Mr. Speaker:** I remind hon. members that each time I have to restore order, precious time is fleeing out of Question Period.

**Mrs. McDougall:** Mr. Speaker, the adjustment programs that we have put forward to deal with exactly the kinds of problems that the hon. members keep hammering away at are in the Senate. It has been eleven months since they were sent to the Senate.

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**Mr. Brian Tobin (Humber—St. Barbe—Baie Verte):** Mr. Speaker, over the last number of days, representatives and the president of the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union of British Columbia; the president and representatives of the Fishermen's Union of Atlantic Canada, representing tens of thousands of fishermen, have been in Ottawa to meet with members from all three parties.

In the case of British Columbia, 90 per cent of the fishermen will not qualify for unemployment insurance because of the regulations now being imposed by the government. There are thousands more in Atlantic Canada.

My question is very simple. Given that both these unions have made it crystal clear that they do not