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need help. I am afraid for those fishermen. I am afraid, with this new amalgamation, that there will be less attention given to those healthy fishery operations that do exist. It is not only the small guy who is in trouble in Atlantic Canada, but it is the big guy that is getting all the attention. The small guy is not getting enough. That is the same with all forms of industry. In my constituency there have been too many bankruptcies. Some of those bankruptcies might not have occurred if the small businessman could have had more attention than he was receiving.

This Bill will not help anyone in Atlantic Canada. It is another step backwards. When my leader was campaigning in Central Nova I was pleased he indicated that DREE should be sacrosanct, that it should remain, that it should be for Atlantic Canada, that it should produce the kinds of benefits that give us the chance to be first class citizens rather than the second class citizens we are and have been for some time with this Government in office. The simplest and easiest way to make people in Atlantic Canada first class citizens is to have this Government out that is here now and to have this alternative Government in to give this country some of the stimulation it needs by having sensible tax incentives. These are especially needed for small businessmen, who are the backbone of this country, who are being let down day after day and are being betrayed by this Government that does not care about any form of business. Big business, by and large, can look after itself.

We have to be concerned about the small-businessman who is getting it and has been getting it in the neck for quite a number of years from this Government that does not care about anything or anybody except itself and its friends. It is hard for me to imagine that a Government would involve itself in a company that could lose \$1.4 billion in one year. That is almost inconceivable. But that is what happens when this Government involves itself in big business. I hope to God this Government does not get involved in small business, otherwise we will have nobody left to pay taxes.

The other day I had a great revelation. I am always looking to see where defeated Grits go. I was watching a program about the aerospace industry. Who appeared on TV but Barney Danson, the President of de Havilland. Can you believe it, Barney Danson, the President of de Havilland?

Mr. Turner: He was talking about the Arrow.

Mr. Coates: And that is about all Barney would know how to talk about. That is the sad fact of the matter. He was Minister of Defence. He was an army man. He certainly could not have been a very good Minister of Defence because he was defeated. But there he was on the television screen. He was pretty good compared to the Canadian people because he only lost about \$425 million. But there it is, another defeated Grit getting his payday at the expense of the Canadian taxpayer in multimillion dollar numbers. There are too many defeated Grits lounging around in big paying Government appointed offices. I hope they enjoy themselves, Mr. Speaker, because they have about one year left. If I know this Government, it

will try to run out its term, especially if the guy who is not a quitter stays. Each day, each month, each year, the Gallup poll will show the Liberals going down and down. We may even see the socialists ahead of them before the next election.

Mr. Turner: We have been down before and come up.

Mr. Coates: We have to put some common sense into Government operations. This cannot be done by proliferating the number of bureaucrats imposing themselves on the poor little guy who is trying to make a buck and who is having a hell of a hard time. We have to use some common sense. That is not done by amalgamating Government departments proliferating certain civil servants jobs, nor is it common-sense always to leave out the Atlantic Provinces.

I oppose this Bill. I hope it never gets passed, but if it does, it will most certainly be very detrimental to Atlantic Canada.

Mr. Paul Dick (Lanark-Renfrew-Carleton): Mr. Speaker, I want to speak briefly on this topic. It is of great concern in my constituency. We are one of the few areas in Ontario in which DREE is active. There were three areas: northern Ontario, the Cornwall region and the Renfrew-Pembroke area which were covered by DREE in its true form. The introduction of this Bill is similar to a shuffling of the chairs on the *Titanic*. Government Members want to show some activity. They do not know where they are going, so they move everybody and everything around. The people who will make the most money will be moving companies in Ottawa as they move, desk by desk, Departments from one building to another.

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Many people in the underdeveloped regions of the country felt that DREE would take a special look at their circumstances. In the Renfrew-Pembroke designated area, for example, unemployment runs from 16 per cent to 22 per cent. This is only a matter of 50 miles from Ottawa, the capital of Canada. We do not have to look at the Maritimes and parts of Quebec which have been underprivileged in the sense of economic development for a long time; right here in Ontario, which everyone thinks has the wealth of the country, there are depressed regions.

The people of my area knew the system of obtaining money and attracting industries. Of course, there have not been many industries in Canada to attract in the last few years because they have not been expanding but rather contracting under the present Government and laying off people. We knew the system and we had some success. Now we find that we are lumped in with the majority of the rest of Canada under the second tier. We did not make it to the third or fourth tier where the larger dollars will be.

My constituency is in the second tier, except for two particular parts which fall under the first tier. I am not looking for assistance in the areas designated under the first tier because Kanata and West Carleton are close to Ottawa, have high technology and have done quite well, no thanks to the Government. They have done it on their own. The industries in those