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does not mean it makes jobs in Spadina. So we have these misleading statements by which the Government pretends to create 300,000 jobs when in fact there will probably be no more than 50,000 jobs created under this Government's programs. Furthermore, the Government will continue to pay out \$1 billion every month in Unemployment Insurance to people to do nothing.

The effect of this budget, Mr. Speaker, will be to increase profits, reduce real wages after this recession as part of the recovery, and ensure that the recession will return soon and much stronger.

Mr. Fisher: Mr. Speaker, I would just like to follow up on what appears to be the Hon. Member's favourite topic, which is quotas and protectionism for the textile industry. It is interesting that he is promoting this in what he calls low wage countries. He is attacking people who come from what he calls low wage countries. He should repeat that charge in the presence of his current seatmate who is always arguing the other way.

However, I would like to ask him specifically what he considers an appropriate level of quotas in the textile industry. How would he reach that conclusion?

Mr. Heap: Mr. Speaker, first I want to disabuse anyone listening of the mistaken understanding that might be gained if they took the Hon. Member seriously. I have in no way attacked the people from low wage countries. I do publicly oppose police state governments in certain countries which the Hon. Member's Government is not willing to oppose. It is those governments which help to keep wages down. The Hon. Member's Government has not yet shown the courage and honesty to come out publicly and oppose such injustice. I am on the side of those low wage earners, but the Hon. Member has not yet shown that he is.

My point, and I am very glad to have a chance to explain it to the Hon. Member, is that Canadian workers and Canadian industry should be able to produce primarily for the Canadian workers, which is also the desire of the Philippino workers in the Philippines. This has been expressed to me by a leader of the Philippine labour movement with whom I talked a few days ago. He agrees with the policy I am advocating.

The Hon. Member wants a figure; I would suggest that imports should be reduced in a broad, global sense to 20 per cent of the Canadian market. Of course, we will buy and sell, but we do not need to live exclusively for export, have the Philipinos living exclusively for export and everyone else living exclusively for export and nobody able buying because there are no jobs.

Mr. Fisher: Mr. Speaker, I appreciated the discussion about police states and textiles and general export theory. I appreciated hearing, finally, that what the Hon. Member wants to do is to reduce imports to 20 per cent of the Canadian market. I doubt that people in my riding would agree with him on that. He also said that tax incentives will not create jobs in Canada. I wonder if he could tell us, for example, what he

thinks the RHOSP incentives will do for the housing and construction industry if they do not create jobs in Canada? Whose jobs will they create?

Mr. Heap: Mr. Speaker, I agree that there are a few small items in the budget. I said at the beginning that I am not going to go over all the small items the Government is undertaking to use to garnish and disguise this conservative budget. The RHOSP provision is one of them. Yes, the houses will be built, but it is a poor way to use the Government's money. There would be a far better result if the Government would reverse its policy toward social and non-profit housing because that gives a far better result in the long run for the subsidies put into it. Housing for profit often results in very high prices to the consumer, and the Government subsidy often does the consumer no good at all. Therefore, the subsidy is not producing any general effect in the economy. It is simply making a few individuals rich. I have seen this many, many times over the last ten years in the City of Toronto, and if the Hon. Member had used his eyes around the City of Toronto he would have seen it too.

Mr. Axworthy: I would like to pose a few questions to the Hon. Member to see if he is able to correct some of the lapses in memory or information contained in his speech. He seems to make some great effort to develop the argument that the federal Government is in no way helping the textile or clothing industries. I wonder if he is aware of a program called the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board which has a budget of something like \$250 million and has now provided well over \$100 million in grants to a variety of textile firms to help them obtain new machinery, equipment and technology? Does he know that accompanying that Program, my own Department has been delivering retraining and upgrading programs for tens of thousands of textile workers which will allow them to develop the skills necessary to respond to the new technological age? It seems he has conveniently forgotten those facts.

In the course of his speech the Hon. Member also said that Inglis had taken over Admiral Corporation with a loss of 200 jobs. I wonder if he would like to correct that statement and recognize that the Admiral Corporation closed down, but as a result of provisions of the ILAP Program, Inglis was able to reinstitute that company and open up those factories. Is he saying they would have preferred the federal Government not provide help to a company in order to rescue close to 600 or 700 jobs for people who had previously worked for Admiral? Is he saying that that is the position of the NDP, that they would rather stand on their ideological rigidities as opposed to having people go back to work?

Mr. Heap: Mr. Speaker, I thank the Hon. Minister for those two questions. On the matter of the Canadian Industrial Renewal Board, it is true that I have been told in statements by the Minister that \$100 million has been spent. We have no accounting of that. There are no textile and clothing industrialists on the Board, not one; only money lenders and one trade unionist who got on there with the assistance of pressure from