

*S. O. 31*

We see all kinds of potential for abuse in a provision like that. One can almost drive a truck through it, or perhaps a small herring seiner through it since we are dealing with the fisheries.

This is a small step in the right direction. Let me put it that way. However, it is our hope the government will not say that we have dealt with the shipbuilding industry because we have had Bill C-33 before the House of Commons, that it will recognize this is a small first step in addressing the major problems facing the shipbuilding industry in Canada, and that it will fulfil a commitment it has made many times. I refer specifically to the Prime Minister back in 1984 when he talked about creating a viable international shipbuilding industry in Canada. I would like to remind him of that promise today.

This bill goes a small way in the right direction. I hope the government will understand that the jobs lost because of its inaction, those high paying jobs in the Canadian shipbuilding industry, if maintained, will spur further economic development and help our communities, particularly our communities on the Atlantic coast that rely so heavily on these industries, to be contributing parts of our nation.

In conclusion, our party and I support this bill even with its warts and pimples, and there are lots of those on it. We urge the government at this time when we are in such a devastating recession to come forward with further steps that have been suggested by the Marine Workers Federation and other such people to address the imbalance currently existing in the international shipbuilding environment.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Is the House ready for the question?

**Some hon. members:** Question.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

**Some hon. members:** Agreed.

**Some hon. members:** On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the third time and passed.

[*Translation*]

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** It being 1.13 p.m., I do now leave the chair until 2 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 24(2).

The House took recess at 1.13 p.m.

**AFTER RECESS**

The House resumed at 2 p.m.

**STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S. O. 31**

[*Translation*]

**MONTREAL'S ECONOMY**

**Mr. Alfonso Gagliano (Saint-Léonard):** Mr. Speaker, Friday is International Workers' Day. Workers in the Montreal area, however, will have nothing to celebrate. Workers, the unemployed and people on welfare are worried and demoralized by the general increase in poverty.

Unions and community groups have now decided to raise public awareness by holding a demonstration that will take place on May 1, at the Pie IX Métro stop.

The unions want to make the federal government aware of the despair that has taken hold of so many workers and unemployed workers. In the Montreal area, 615,000 people are living in poverty.

The government must put a stop to this human misery immediately. The CRIM has made several proposals for dealing with the socio-economic decline of the region, including a full employment policy. The government would be well advised to consider these proposals and start taking action, because people have had enough.

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[*English*]

**FEDERAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BANK**

**Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte):** Mr. Speaker, the Federal Business Development Bank is the bank specifically dedicated to providing financial assistance to Canadian businesses that are unable to find other sources of available financing on reasonable terms and conditions.

Small business people in my riding of Carleton—Charlotte, however, are consistently frustrated at the unwillingness of the FBDB officials to provide clients with this assistance on projects that by all accounts fall within these reasonable terms and conditions.