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company, de Havilland, in order to close down one of their competitors.

This take-over is crucial for Canadian jobs and this government will not get involved because they believe in the pure free-market economy. Well, if they keep going they will turn Ontario into a province with the economic level of industry that New Brunswick has. This could be a real tragedy.

They tell us to look at Investment Canada and ask can Investment Canada not protect us. Well, under this government, Investment Canada has a score of 914 to zero. I counted it up and there are 914 approvals and zero rejections.

I say that high-tech, investment, and aerospace are the kind of industries Canada has to stay in; we cannot give them away. I am worried about what is happening with de Havilland, with the trade deal, and with the loss of jobs. I think there has been economic mismanagement of this economy on a large scale by this government.

Before I close, let me say something about the constitutional matters. I am afraid we have a Prime Minister who is a deal-maker, who is not speaking for Canada.

I was pleased this week, as we all were, that one of the Bloc Québecois, the Separatist group from Quebec went back to the government. We would have liked him to perhaps go somewhere else, but he did reject separatism. I see this country in great danger, but I see a beginning of an opening through which we can once again reconcile French and English in this country.

The Prime Minister has a reputation as a deal-maker, as someone more interested in making a deal than in what the deal says. He is not a nation-builder, like previous Prime Ministers have been. The premiers, in their own way, have to speak for the provinces. Mr. Mulroney does not speak for Canada. We need leaders in this country who will speak for Canada. There is no price, in terms of federal powers and national social programs, that he will not pay in order to get a deal.

The Prime Minister has blamed the failure of the Meech Lake accord on everyone else but himself: it is

Mr. Wells' fault; it is Elijah Harper's fault; or it is the NDP's fault. Well, I suggest that he look to himself for the fault.

I would like to quote what the distinguished Canadian, Tom Berger, has said on this matter:

English Canadians had a greater commitment to the idea of Canada than our leaders did. That is why Meech failed; not because of cranky opposition by the people of English Canada to the distinct society clause. They sensed, even if they did not understand the details, that Meech Lake was another chapter in the Mulroney government's dismantling of Canada's federal system. Traditional Canadian deference to our political establishment was missing in the Meech Lake debate.

Let me wind-up by saying this. In the months ahead we will have to change our economic policy, stop the deindustrialization of Canada, and protect Canadian jobs. We must have an economic vision of this country that does not have us just throwing our resources into cheap labour in Mexico.

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We have to develop high tech here in Canada. We have to emphasize the environment. We have to emphasize education. We have to emphasize national institutions. We need a national government, not just a Quebec government or a B.C. government or a government in Ontario. We need a national government that can tie all this together. We cannot decentralize all the programs to the provinces. We need national social institutions like medicare programs and day care. That is what makes Canada a civilized society. We need that and our people want that and they are demanding leadership.

The Prime Minister should call an election. Do not just adjourn this Parliament, call an election and face the Canadian electorate and they will have a message for him. They will get rid of these scoundrels very quickly.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): I have received written notice today from the hon. member for Scarborough East that he is unable to move second reading of his bill during Private Members' Hour today.

[Translation]

Therefore, the order for second reading of Bill C–329 will be moved to the bottom of the priority list for Private Members' Business.