

Mr. Rodriguez: In conclusion, Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): No, no. With my deepest regrets, the 10-minute period is now over.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Carlo Rossi (Bourassa): Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure indeed to address the proposed amendments to Bill C-15. Hon. Members from the Official Opposition and the New Democratic Party did realize as soon as the Minister introduced the Bill in this House and especially during consideration in committee, that the Minister had given little consideration to the representations made by the Official Opposition concerning the Bill now before us.

Mr. Speaker, the amendment brought forth by the Hon. Member for Winnipeg-Fort Garry (Mr. Axworthy), would introduce control provisions, with the very important purpose in my view of protecting the jobs of all Canadians.

An Hon. Member: Have you read it?

Mr. Rossi: I would like—Why don't you first shup up, you smart guy over there! That's enough! See that you defend Quebec when the time comes!

Mr. Speaker, I would like to suggest—if the fellow opposite will stop vomiting over there—that I find quite ridiculous the Minister bragging about job creation, when his Department accepted \$200 million cuts, on orders from the President of the Treasury Board (Mr. de Cotret), the Member for Berthier-Maskinongé-Lanaudière.

Mr. Speaker, the only programs he did cut in his Department were those which had an actual impact in areas of high unemployment, even though this same Minister keeps repeating in this House that his Government will create jobs, jobs, more jobs.

Mrs. Mailly: Jobs!

Mr. Rossi: Jobs, jobs!

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, on a point of order.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): The Hon. Member for Saint-Denis (Mr. Prud'homme) on a point of order.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker, I think the first one who should set an example in this House by listening now is the Government Assistant Whip (Mrs. Mailly) whether she agrees or not with the Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi). I agree his comments are debatable, but I would hope that she herself might see to it that the troops she is leading this afternoon have the courtesy of listening to the Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi), as we did some moments ago.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): The Assistant Whip (Mrs. Mailly).

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Mrs. Mailly: Mr. Speaker, firstly, I think it is out of order to refer to the fact that any particular Member is present or absent from the House. Secondly, I would like to point out that I am not the Assistant Whip but the Government Deputy Whip.

Mr. Prud'homme: Mr. Speaker—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): No, no.

Mr. Prud'homme: I apologize to the Assistant Whip. I did not refer to her absence. I only expressed the wish she would ask her troops to shut up.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order, please, the Hon. Member for Bourassa (Mr. Rossi) has the floor.

Mr. Rossi: She is easy to spot, Mr. Speaker, because she does not behave like a deputy whip but rather like a whip.

An Hon. Member: Right on!

Mr. Rossi: Mr. Speaker, nonetheless, this same Minister should understand that jobs are actually created in Canada by those businesses that have survived numerous difficulties through the years, and he should also realize they are family businesses operating in the resource sector.

[*English*]

I think the Minister should reconsider proposals made by the Official Opposition in committee which were rejected by the Chairman of said committee. The Liberal proposals rejected by the Minister were to develop comprehensive information based on all sources of investment in Canada and on the differing factors which affect investment; work with the relevant federal and provincial Departments and agencies to develop a favourable climate for private investment; seek to co-ordinate public sector and private sector investment planning through consultation. Members opposite are always talking about consultation in this House. Another proposal was to act as a clearing house for information on investment incentives offered by all jurisdictions in Canada; promote by all manner of means the expansion of equity investment by individual Canadians.

[*Translation*]

Proposal (f), Mr. Speaker . . . I am sorry, I had so much more to say.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Charest): Order. It being five o'clock, the House will now proceed to the consideration of Private Members' Business as listed on today's Order Paper.