

*Unemployment Insurance Act*

The next day when he went to the shed and found him lying on the floor, he said: "Look at that ungrateful beast, just when I taught him to live on nothing he goes and dies on me".

That is about the effect of this Tory unemployment insurance scheme. They did not consult the unemployed about it. They did not consult labour about it. They were very careful not to. The Minister of course made that point when she met with the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration. They did not dare issue the impact studies which they had done prior to presenting this law because they knew, of course, that it would provide ammunition to people who objected to the law. They did not dare allow the Standing Committee of Labour, Employment and Immigration to do any travelling to visit the people of Canada to discuss the Minister's proposal before the debate in the House, which would have been the normal way to approach it.

In the previous Parliament, they made sure that the Minister violating the Standing Orders of this House gave no comprehensive answer at all to the very thorough report of the Standing Committee on Labour, Employment and Immigration evaluating the Forget report.

It is clear that this Government, by refusing to consult the people most directly affected by this Bill, have decided it is not interested in helping the working people of Canada. It is interested in controlling them. That, of course, is the goal of many, many lobbyings by business groups such as the Business Council on National Issues which wanted this Government for years to cut back much more severely on unemployment insurance. In fact, it was cut for political purposes, not for budget purposes. If they wanted to save the deficit, they could have brought down the interest rate. They were rather more interested in increasing the wealth of the rich and in controlling the workers with meaner regulations than have been seen in this country since the Great Depression.

• (0100)

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Deputy Speaker (M. Paproski):** Pursuant to Standing Order 67, it is my duty to interrupt the proceedings and put forthwith every question necessary to dispose of the amendment and the main motion now before the House.

[*English*]

The question is on the amendment.

Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the amendment?

**Some Hon. Members:** Agreed.

**Some Hon. Members:** No.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those in favour of the motion will please say yea.

**Some Hon. Members:** Yea.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** All those opposed will please say nay.

**Some Hon. Members:** Nay.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** In my opinion the nays have it.

*And more than five Members having risen:*

Call in the Members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Allmand) which was negated on the following division:

• (0110)

(*Division No. 48*)

**YEAS**

Members

Allmand	Althouse
Anawak	Angus
Arseneault	Assad
Axworthy (Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing)	Barrett
Bélair	Bellemare
Benjamin	Bevilacqua
Black	Blackburn (Brant)
Blondin	Boudria
Brewin	Butland
Caccia	Callbeck
Campbell (South West Nova)	Catterall
Clancy	Comuzzi
Crawford	de Jong
Dionne	Duhamel
Ferguson	Finestone
Fisher	Fontana
Foster	Fulton
Gagliano	Gardiner
Gauthier	Gray (Windsor West)
Grey (Beaver River)	Guarnieri
Harb	Harvey (Edmonton East)
Heap	Hopkins
Hovdebo	Hunter
Jordan	Kaplan
Karpoff	Keyes
Kilger (Stormont—Dundas)	Kristiansen
Langan (Mission—Coquitlam)	Langdon (Essex—Windsor)
Laporte	LeBlanc (Cape Breton Highlands—Canso)
Lee	MacAulay
MacDonald (Dartmouth)	MacLaren
Maheu	Manley
Marchi	Marleau
McCurdy	McGuire
McLaughlin	Mifflin
Milliken	Mills
Mitchell	Murphy