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tions going on this Fall in Geneva. This incident has seriously damaged trust of the Soviet leaders in the minds of all Canadians.

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PROVINCIAL AFFAIRS

CONDEMNATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA BUDGET

Mrs. Margaret Mitchell (Vancouver East): Mr. Speaker, Canadians in all provinces are assessing the impact of government restraint programs in B.C. which reflect the Liberal-Conservative monetarist approach of fighting inflation by penalizing poor people, pensioners, minority groups, tenants, workers and small business people. The brutal Bennett budget has attacked almost every sector of society. Yet we have heard no protest from Conservative MPs who obviously support their fellow Socreds.

An Hon. Member: We are federal.

Mrs. Mitchell: In addition to attacks on workers and human rights, B.C. budget cuts have hurt women and children, the disabled and low income people, in particular. Funding for women's centres, transition houses, health collectives, planned parenthood, and daycare services, have been cut drastically. Termination of community support services will result in permanently damaged children who will require very costly institutional care. Pensioners will pay more for hospital care while their rents go up and subsidies go down. Persons on restricted welfare payments lose incentive allowances for valuable community work.

What can the federal Government do? Moneys budgeted for cost-sharing of social services should be re-allocated through the Secretary of State (Mr. Joyal) to self-help community groups. Winter job creation programs must be revised for all provinces, Mr. Speaker, to include jobs in community services.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order. I am sorry for interrupting the Hon. Member, but the time allotted to her has expired.

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INDUSTRY

WAGES OWED MAISLIN COMPANY EMPLOYEES

Mr. W. Kenneth Robinson (Etobicoke-Lakeshore): Twelve months after receiving an emergency \$34 million loan guarantee from the federal Government, Montreal-based Maislin Industries Limited is on the verge of bankruptcy. Apparently the company has run out of money for its operations. The company has laid off all but a few of its 3,500 employees and now Alan Maislin, the company vice-chairman and former president, has resigned and is supporting the employees in their fight to get moneys owed to them in back pay.

Secured creditors are owed \$59.4 million. The Canadian-Imperial Bank of Commerce moved to protect its \$38.8 million interest by calling the loan. The National Bank of Canada is owed nearly \$7 million. The unsecured creditors are owed \$18.3 million.

In Quebec and Ontario outraged employees of the main domestic subsidiary, Maislin Transport Limited, form picket lines. One Montreal group has learned that its pay cheques will not be honoured.

Surely laid-off workers should have first priority over secured creditors and unsecured creditors. The financial security of workers who have lost their jobs and are owed back wages should be our first concern. If we are unable to secure full payment of back wages we should try to ensure that at least a partial payment of up to one month's wages will be issued to all workers who have entitlement.

Perhaps the Government can help ensure that priority be given to these workers and, if necessary, legislation should be passed to provide workers with at least up to one month's back wages and allowances ahead of all other creditors—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I regret interrupting the Hon. Member. The Hon. Member for Leeds-Grenville.

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EMPLOYMENT

ALLOCATION OF JOB-CREATION FUNDS TO LEEDS-GRENVILLE CONSTITUENCY

Mrs. Jennifer Cossitt (Leeds-Grenville): Mr. Speaker, the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) has allocated for my riding of Leeds-Grenville the sum of \$100,000 under the Canada Works Program, and nothing under the LEAD Program, for job creation. According to the Minister's figures of 7.1 per cent labour surplus for Leeds-Grenville, the unemployment rate is not high enough for additional allocation of funds to be made under LEAD or Canada Works. This figure is totally inaccurate and does not reflect the actual number of individuals who are actively seeking employment, exhaustees, those collecting social assistance benefits, or those new entrants to the labour force in Leeds-Grenville.

For the Minister's information, the labour surplus rate in my riding is 16.2 per cent, based on data provided to me by his own CEC officials. Surely the Minister has not abandoned the over 16 per cent unemployed in my riding and withheld funds so that larger allocations can be made to Liberal ridings in an attempt to bring about an increase in their decreasing popularity? I would hope that all unemployed are treated equally and fairly and not cast aside because they are constituents of an opposition Member.

I ask the Minister to reconsider his calculation of allocation of funds to accurately reflect all of the unemployed people, not just those receiving UIC, and provide the people of Leeds-