

The Address—Mr. Jelinek

Is that something new? We all support world peace. What about an increase in the guaranteed income supplement for 700,000 single pensioners? Of course we support that. Our social critics have been talking about that for years as well.

Then we come to the Criminal Code and to providing stiffer penalties for criminals. My goodness, that is on record in Conservative policies ranging back 10 and 15 years ago. What about a crackdown on hard core pornography and changes in the bankruptcy laws to protect farmers and workers? All of these measures were outlined in this Throne Speech. If the Liberal administration really felt they were that important they would introduce legislation outlining these positive measures in this House and this Party would pass them as quickly as we could. The Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Mulroney) stated that in his reply to the Speech from the Throne last Friday.

Having said that, there are some positive measures in the Throne Speech and we certainly hope in the short time the Liberals have left in office that they will take the initiative and introduce some of those policies by way of legislation. But there is a major element in the Throne Speech and indeed in the general philosophy and policies of the Liberal administration which does not tackle the number one problem facing Canadians right now, that of job creation.

Job creation is probably the most important concern affecting Canadians today. It is true that the Throne Speech proposed a new youth ministry with a budget of \$1 billion worth of recycled tax dollars. But all this new proposal constitutes basically a continuation of present Liberal job creation policies, namely the establishment of temporary, unproductive band-aid solutions at tremendous cost to the taxpayer. The whole thrust of today's Liberal policies, yesterday's Liberal programs and future Liberal promises, as outlined in the Throne Speech, completely misses the key to long-term and meaningful employment, Mr. Speaker, that being the creation of full-time productive and realistic jobs, not the temporary, costly make-work projects that we have had thrust upon Canadians for the past three or four years so that only those Canadians after working six or eight weeks can go back on unemployment insurance. Those are not productive jobs. Those are not realistic jobs and they are very costly to the Canadian taxpayer.

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The only way such jobs can be created is by the private sector, specifically small and medium-sized enterprises. This fact has been stressed by business representatives and organizations for some time. In fact, it was confirmed in a recent study of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business as part of its presentation to the Macdonald Royal Commission on the Economy. In short, the study concluded that the jobs of the future would be created by smaller firms and that government and big business would see their work forces shrink. If the focus of policy shifts to small business, as it should and will when the Conservative Government is formed after the next

general election, full employment would be, could be and should be a reality by 1990 in Canada.

This estimate of job production was based upon the definition of information on recent trends. In the five-year period from 1975 to 1980, small companies with fewer than 50 employees produced 71 per cent of the country's net new jobs. When averaged over the longer period from 1975 to 1982, small companies created all of Canada's net new jobs. The fact that in 1982 the number of small business jobs had increased to 4.4 million, while the number of jobs in the big business sector had decreased to 2.2 million, cannot be overlooked when making public policy.

The Government intends to recycle \$1 billion into a Youth Opportunity Fund. It is certainly laudable but unfortunately it is misdirected in its efforts to eradicate this crucial problem. In light of the scant provisions made for small business in the Throne Speech last week, I assume the Government is unaware of a study done for the United States small business administration which concluded that two out of three young people found their first jobs in small firms. The Government would be doing far more for Canada's youth if it were to create an environment where investment in small business was more attractive, thereby encouraging the continuous start up of these labour-intensive small firms and ensuring young Canadians the bright future they deserve.

What was promised in the Speech from the Throne in the area of small business, after these facts were known in the United States, in Japan, in West Germany and now through the report of CFIB to the Royal Commission in Canada? The Throne Speech indicated that access to federal programs for small business would be improved, using the Federal Business Development Bank for delivery. That was the end of small business involvement in the Throne Speech. It is nonsense. Small business does not want more government programs and government interference. It wants to operate in a free enterprise system. The key words are "free enterprise system".

Just a few years ago the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) said that the free enterprise system in Canada no longer worked. Apparently those people who wrote this year's Throne Speech agree with him that the free enterprise system no longer works. The Liberal administration has strangled free enterprise by getting involved in business, by creating regulations, directives, controls, bureaucracy and paperwork burden. Now it wants to add more programs. The small business community does not want programs or government interference; it wants the Government to lay off so that they can operate in a free enterprise market.

John Bulloch, President of the Canadian Federation of Independent Business, had this to say about government programs:

Forget your government programs; forget all your provincial aid programs. All the programs in Canada together that supposedly help finance small business, including FBDB, would not touch more than 10 per cent of what is out there.

If anybody comes to us and asks us where they could get government financing, I say: No. 1, you are making a bad management decision. What you do is you make the decision of where you want to go, and then if you have the time and want to skin somebody, go and skin them, but certainly do not make a