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spend what we do not have, but he does feel we should put more money into the system.

If \$3.4 billion is not enough, would the member mind telling me just how much more he thinks the Government of Canada should borrow in order to increase that training budget from \$3.4 billion to whatever he thinks it ought to be.

Mr. Marchi: Mr. Speaker, if you take the comments of my hon. friend, you would think that people in Ontario are dancing in the streets. You would think that after the presentation of the federal budget that they would be rejoicing, that they would be going to the constituency offices of the government members and saying "Thank you so much", but I try to remind the member of Parliament that the statistics speak for themselves better than I can ever articulate the argument: 1.5 million unemployed, another million or so on welfare. In the city of Toronto there are over 10 per cent unemployed. He talks about the bonanza that this budget is going to bring for the manufacturing sectors in Ontario. I have large industrial parks in my riding of York West. Unfortunately, many of those are gone, many of those are hurting and many of those are beyond salvaging, thanks to the measure here.

We also have to keep in mind that the other challenge of that budget was to inspire and induce consumer confidence so that people would be confident in spending to buy the products that our business people and our entrepreneurs wish to create and fabricate.

If you will remember, the government also talked about increasing the small business loans to \$200,000. Our critic for entrepreneurship and tourism pointed out in the debate in this House of Commons that many business people cannot even get a \$100,000 loan from their banks. The banks are not lending those kinds of money. Yet the government comes along and says: "Hey, we are going to increase the ceiling from \$100,000 to \$200,000", knowing full well that while it might be good cosmetic public relations, it does not do one iota for the individual who is turned down both by the chartered banks, the top six, and then by FBDB and then comes to us and says: "Now where do I go?". Are we going to tell them: "Well look, the ceiling has been increased to

\$200,000. Go back to your bank", when they refuse them a loan of \$100,000 or less?

What I am asking the hon. member to do is to face the realistic statistics that speak volumes about the health of our economy, about people who find themselves outside of our economy, an economy that is not working for them, a consumer confidence that is not going to inspire any kind of recovery. Therefore, there is the onus on a national government, on behalf of its country and citizenry, to inspire and induce that confidence if it is not going to come from its population.

Mr. Steven W. Langdon (Essex—Windsor): Mr. Speaker, just a comment, if I could, because we are talking about the situation in Ontario. It is a situation which you would believe from the one side of the House, the government side of the House, is magnificent and which you would believe from the Liberal side of this debate is deplorable. I think that it is important for some facts to be put before the House and put before the country.

One of the facts which is most crucial to the reality which exists in the province of Ontario at the moment, despite the money which my Conservative friend referred to as having been transferred by the federal government to the province of Ontario, in fact in this most recent fiscal year the amount of money which was cut back, which had been promised to the province of Ontario under the transfers that were supposed to take place under the Canada Assistance Program, amounted to \$1.8 billion.

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No province anywhere in the country could survive that kind of onslaught. The province of Ontario has been faced with government policy on the Conservative side. I quote from the most recent labour force statistics which just came out this past Friday which show that "full-time employment across this country under this Conservative government went down by 73,000 in this past year, manufacturing employment went down by 76,000 in this past year".

That is what we have had as a record from this government. It seems to me that with a record like that, if I were the member from Ontario on the Conservative side, I would not get up and start asking questions and making comments. I would sit in the back row and hang