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unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and by agreement between our union and the company, of course, a share of our insurance policy. The government makes very sure of that for anybody on a pay cheque. In this respect, of course, members of Parliament are almost in the same position as the rest of the public except that a quarter or a third of our pay cheque is considered tax free. It does not get that.

The government does less and less each year to find the corporations and to make sure that they declare all their taxable income and pay tax on it. Even though a dollar of expenditure checking up on the corporations brings \$17 of return according to the Auditor General, even though in other words it is the best possible investment that any government can make, \$17 for \$1, the government keeps cutting back on the inspections of the taxation of the rich and the corporations because it does not want to discomfort its friends.

My point is it is the workers and the people who are not allowed to work who are paying for the policy of this government. It is the corporations and rich individuals who are not paying, and that is why our government and our country are in a crisis.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois):** Before resuming debate, it is my duty pursuant to Standing Order 38 to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Saanich—Gulf Islands, Gas Additives; the hon. member for Saskatoon—Clark's Crossing, Rights of the Child; the hon. member for Ottawa—Vanier, Diplomatic Corps Security; the hon. member for Burnaby—Kingsway, External Affairs; the hon. member for Thunder Bay—Nipigon, Immigration and Refugee Board.

**Mr. Greg Thompson (Carleton—Charlotte):** Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to put a few remarks on the record. My colleague from Halton—Peel will divide my time. I do not think we are going to need 20 minutes each. I think it has all been said before, but we do want to reflect on some of the comments being made today on the other side of the House.

What I want to remind the viewers back home is simply this. We are debating Bill C-60. We are debating transfers to the provinces. The NDP is allowed to bring in everything but the kitchen sink in this debate. I think it is a little bit ridiculous.

When you think about it, it is really attempting to shore up the fortunes of Bob Rae in Ontario and Premier Harcourt in British Columbia. If you have listened to the Ontario members and the B.C. members who make up most of the NDP members who spoke in this House today, it is exactly that. It is shoring up their respective premiers. It has dragged in everything. I said "everything but the kitchen sink", but I was out of the House for a few minutes to attend the finance committee. Maybe in my absence they did bring in the kitchen sink, because everything else is certainly in there.

They talked about General Motors, Ford and Chrysler in Oshawa and Windsor. They talked about the demise of the industrial sector in Canada, but not focusing anywhere close to the reality of what is happening out there in the real world. They want to focus on Canada in isolation from every other corner of the world.

One of the things the NDP members mentioned this morning is the disruption of 350,000 manufacturing jobs in Canada. Maybe they are accurate. Maybe that 350,000 number is accurate.

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They never focus on the four million lost jobs in the United States of America in an economy 10 times the size of ours. The number is relevant. Three hundred and fifty thousand jobs in Canada disrupted in the industrial sector, close to four million in the United States, but they never want to talk about that. All they want to talk about is this trade deal of ours with the United States of America. They never want to focus on the real numbers that are actually working in our favour. In the last year, our trade surplus with the United States has increased not decreased. How many times do they tell the Canadian people that? They do not want the Canadian people to know that.

It is a success. If we want to focus continually on our faults in this House, I guess we can all stand up on our hind legs and do a pretty good job because we are not a perfect nation. But we are working as we never worked