

month. All of us in this House work at least that much in a single week. If \$20,000 a year is not enough for 53 hours of work per month, work that many hours per week and you will make \$88,000. Still, that is not an incredible amount by today's standards. I can assure you that many people in my riding would gladly take the job.

• (1630)

But why kill Nationair when the company pays \$50 million in taxes to the federal government? Did you know this company pays all our salaries and those of the senators next door? Their taxes are the equivalent of what it takes to pay all our salaries, and people want to see this company go down. Fifty million dollars in taxes.

I heard the hon. member say: "Tax the rich and give a break to the poor". This guy started with a shoe-string. He was a poor immigrant who came into this country with \$2,000 and created 2,000 jobs for pilots and mechanics. Today he has 11 planes including four 757s, five 747s and one DC-8, and he started with \$2,000.

[English]

What do you call a man like that? He should be here. He should have a statue these days.

[Translation]

They are killing this company because the leader of the union is a guy from Toronto who works for Air Canada. He is high and dry in Toronto, so he could not care less what happens in Quebec. He will get re-elected and he will say: I told Quebec where to go.

I do not want him to tell Quebec where to go. Let him stay in Toronto and mind his own business. Mr. Speaker, I hope you will give me the floor again.

[English]

Mr. Nunziata: Mr. Speaker, I rise on a point of order. I hope that you are monitoring the Irise comments by the hon. member carefully.

He is making some very unconstructive statements, especially in this most difficult period when we are talking about national unity and a new constitutional arrangement. For him to suggest there is some Toronto conspiracy to destroy a Quebec based company is pure and absolute nonsense.

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The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): That is not what I get out of the conversation or out of the debate. Carry on. You have one minute left in your debate.

[Translation]

Mr. Della Noce: Mr. Speaker, I simply want to say that a good budget is one that keeps people working. The government is doing everything it can to create jobs in Quebec. I think it is just too bad that some organizations are sabotaging this effort. They do not care what happens, because it is not in their own backyard. I say let our own people run things. Union members should wake up and get cracking. Do not let other people tell you what to do. You can stand on your own two feet. Run your own show. I will help you. I will not let you down. We cannot afford to lose 2,200 jobs. We certainly cannot.

This is part of the budget. This is part of Canadian unity. Whether, we are talking about Ontario, Quebec or Nova Scotia, no one can afford to lose 2,200 jobs. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I believe I made my point.

[English]

Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua (York North): Mr. Speaker, I listened quite attentively to the hon. member's speech.

I was just wondering if his speech was about the fact that perhaps his government has not been able to create, in the last seven and a half years, a healthy economic environment where labour, government and business can work together.

Mr. Della Noce: My government has done everything it can do in a responsible way. It has negotiated in this crisis. We have the best we have in Montreal. We have good relations with every union. We have a Minister of Labour who is doing his best to help me, particularly in this case that I know personally. The government is doing exactly what it has to do.

Mr. Bevilacqua: It's not a healthy environment.

Mr. Della Noce: I can tell my hon. member that even all the jobs we create may not be enough. I want to say that before we create the others, and if somebody can blame me in this House it could be my hon. colleague from Chambly, Toronto or York.

You can blame me as much as you want and you can blame the government. It is part of the game. We are the bad guys. Whatever happens in this country is always the