

Mr. Speaker, this is a very sad story. The Minister who just spoke gave the House the assurance that he was delighted a certain number of jobs had been created in this country. For Quebecers, however, those jobs are elsewhere. They are certainly not in Montreal East. He said they created 100,000 jobs in Quebec, but Quebec has a job creation rate one half the rate in the rest of the country. Montreal's job creation rate is also much lower than the rest of the country's. He said they were going to create 2,500 jobs in the hi-tech sector at SPAR Aerospace and similar companies. He ignores the fact that shutdowns in Montreal East have cost us 5,000 jobs and that the jobs being created now do not pay as well as the jobs that are disappearing. People who were working for \$10, \$12, \$14 and \$15 an hour in industry are now working at MacDonald's, in restaurants, and in the tourist sector, jobs that are not negligible but only pay \$6, \$7 or \$8 an hour. That is the future for Montreal under this Government.

Mr. Speaker, as I said earlier, it is a new Government's prerogative to censor the previous Government. However, this is no longer a new Government. This Government had the responsibility of changing Quebec's industrial future, of changing a situation where historically, under the Liberals, Quebec was always ignored because of the focus on the Golden Horseshoe in Southern Ontario. This must change. Quebec must become a truly equal partner with the rest of the country, and especially with Ontario. I say this as a former leader of a provincial party in Ontario and as a Member from that province. And I believe this strongly and sincerely.

I also want to remind everyone in the House that our Party has developed policies especially for Quebec and that this is why the latest polls put us in second place in Quebec, in front of the Progressive Conservatives. After the next elections, our Party will have representatives in this place to defend the workers of Eastern Montreal and all Quebec.

Many Conservatives will be defeated because of the failure of their Cabinet to defend the interests of Montrealers and Quebecers.

Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau): Mr. Speaker, it gives me pleasure to take part in this debate to support the motion of my colleague for Montreal—Sainte-Marie (Mr. Malépart).

Some Hon. Members: Ha, ha!

Mr. Ouellet: It seems obvious that the Conservative Members who are now laughing on the other side feel no responsibility to the people who are now unemployed in Eastern Montreal and who have been asking this Government to take action for weeks.

Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière): We certainly did not learn responsibility from you!

Mr. Ouellet: I see that the Hon. Member for Lotbinière (Mr. Tremblay), who has become an expert in fisticuffs, is trying to intervene on our behalf—

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Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière): Question of privilege, Mr. Speaker!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I am sorry. Is the Hon. Member rising on a point of order?

Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière): Yes, Mr. Speaker.

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[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Is the Hon. Member who is rising on a point of order in his seat? Order, please. If the Hon. Member has a point of order he must return to his own seat to raise it. The Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet).

[*Translation*]

Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière): I understand, but if I may explain—

Mr. Ouellet: Mr. Speaker, I see that some Conservative Members are trying to waste the time allotted to us to discuss a most important proposal which concerns the interests—

Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière): On a point of order, Mr. Speaker!

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Hon. Member for Lotbinière on a point of order.

Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière): Mr. Speaker, when one refers to a sense of responsibility and one has occupied a chair . . . and one has exercised . . . in such a way, one should not allow oneself to do that.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, making such obvious innuendos—

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): I regret to interrupt the Hon. Member . . . Order. Order, please. Enough is enough—

Mr. Tremblay (Lotbinière): I may not be as sophisticated as the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) but—

[*English*]

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): Order, please. Would the Hon. Member resume his seat, please.

That is a point of debate; it is not a point of order. The Hon. Member for Papineau.

[*Translation*]

Mr. Della Noce: A point of order, Mr. Speaker.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski): The Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport and Multiculturalism) (Mr. Della Noce) on a point of order.

Mr. Della Noce: Mr. Speaker, perhaps you did not hear what the Hon. Member for Papineau (Mr. Ouellet) just said, but it is a low blow and he is intelligent enough to know what he is doing. He must withdraw his remarks!