

*Adjournment Motion*

unemployed people. Instead, as the Hon. Member is well aware, there has been a complete reversal of the situation he and his Government created. Inflation is down; unemployment is down; bankruptcies are down; interest rates are down and there have been over a half million new jobs created in the last two years. I would think the Hon. Member should be on his feet applauding the Government.

That is not to say the Government believes all the problems are solved, by any manner or means. The Hon. Member knows from the Speech from the Throne that the Government pointed out quite clearly its concern and intentions to continue to pursue very vigorously methods to improve the economy, the economic situation and to get more people back to work. However, the Hon. Member should applaud the Government for this approach rather than being critical, particularly when the Hon. Member was a member of a Government which did such an astronomically terrible job in running the economic affairs of this country.

As I looked over at the Hon. Member, Mr. Speaker, I thought I detected a little red reflection from his face. I thought perhaps it was from his tie or from his flower, but after awhile I became convinced that he was almost as embarrassed as I was as he made those comments. I would like to ask him if he was as embarrassed as I was—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** I would ask the Hon. Member to conclude his remarks.

**Mr. Ouellet:** Mr. Speaker, it is clear that the current Government received an overwhelming mandate from the population to change a difficult situation through which Canadians have lived; a recession. No one is changing the figures that existed at the time. They were there and, indeed, the public voted for a change of government and a change of direction. What we have two years later is a worse situation without the recession.

**Mr. McDermid:** Nonsense. What an unfounded statement.

**Mr. Ouellet:** It is quite clear that inflation is now going up. It is quite clear that since the beginning of 1986 there has not been a single job created in Canada. Statistics Canada said:

[*Translation*]

—that in January there were 11,632,000 jobs, and today, there are 11,615,000 jobs, which means 17,000 jobs were lost since the beginning of this year. The present Government has increased this country's deficit, it has failed to create a single job in 1986, and inflation has started to rise substantially, penalizing Canadians on fixed incomes, and I am thinking specifically of our pensioners. There is certainly nothing to be proud of here, and I think the Hon. Member who is anxious to ask me some questions and who would like to resuscitate the last election is badly mistaken, because the people of this country gave the Conservatives a chance, and now they are sorry they did, and they are anxious to see this Government finish its term as soon as possible.

**PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

[*English*]

SUBJECT MATTER OF QUESTIONS TO BE DEBATED

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 66, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the Hon. Member for Glengarry—Prescott—Russell (Mr. Boudria)—Government Expenditures—Prime Minister's travel entourage; the Hon. Member for Kenora—Rainy River (Mr. Parry)—Indian Affairs—Funding of Programs; and the Hon. Member for Cape Breton—East Richmond (Mr. Dingwall)—Supply and Services—Maintenance contract for F-18 fighter aircraft. (b) Request for tabling of correspondence received from Premier of Nova Scotia.

**GOVERNMENT ORDERS**

[*English*]

**SPEECH FROM THE THRONE**

RESUMPTION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mrs. Collins for an Address to Her Excellency the Governor General in reply to her Speech at the opening of the Session; and the amendment of Mr. Cassidy (p. 227).

**Hon. Pat Carney (Minister for International Trade):** Mr. Speaker, just over one week ago Her Excellency the Governor General outlined the Government's agenda for action over the next two years. That agenda is designed to achieve four goals; national reconciliation, continuing economic renewal, enhanced social justice and a constructive participation in global affairs. These goals are linked and are mutually reinforcing.

National reconciliation, giving Canadians a national sense of purpose, is an essential precondition to economic renewal since we can hardly compete abroad if we do not co-operate at home. Economic renewal can increase our ability to make social progress. It will give us the means to finance desirable social and cultural programs and to enhance our quality of life. If we can achieve the goal of becoming a more united, prosperous and progressive society, then we will be better able to take up our international responsibilities and play a constructive role in the global community.

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As all Members know, trade will play a vital role in achieving these goals, just as it has done over the entire history of our Confederation. Our trade policy is based on an assessment of current realities and historic change. Moreover, it is based upon the need to seize opportunities and to advance the national interest.