

dividends to another member of the corporate family then it is taxed by that other member rather than taxing it and the other member. That is the second source of tax expenditure. I do not think any country in the world would want to double tax, to have a double corporate tax, for small and medium sized enterprises.

What would be the other big exemption? Financial institutions, the banks, insurance companies and trust companies somehow have been escaping tax because they can make loan loss provisions that are too generous or have various schemes. We have changed that. We are the first government that has actually made sure financial institutions pay their fair share of tax.

I was told the other day by a chairman of one of the biggest life insurance companies in Canada that he pays eight different types of taxes. There are three or four different types of federal taxes that he pays. That is what this government did. We now have a corporate tax structure that has been pruned of most of the loopholes that were not fair. We have left a system that will stimulate enterprise by especially exempting small business from a whole host of taxes.

Mr. Joe Comuzzi (Thunder Bay—Nipigon): Mr. Speaker, I appreciated listening to the minister's comments a short while ago, particularly as they related to FEDNOR in northern Ontario. By and large the FEDNOR board has proven itself very knowledgeable about the particular industry from a regional perspective. Although we have some dispute in some of the areas of loans, by and large it is a very good program.

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I was interested in what the minister was talking about in the small business venture. The minister has been here for eight or nine years, I have been here for only four years and a few months. If there is one thing in the thrust that this House is showing with respect to how we are going to get this economy going, it is going to come down on the back of the small business person within this country, not only in northern Ontario but throughout Canada. On that area we are *ad idem* with respect to how this Parliament should really operate on an ongoing basis.

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I was particularly interested in his comments on Windsor and the announcement made this past week. I know the minister is from London. Windsor is about 100 kilometres up the road. Having gone to school in Windsor at Assumption College, the university and the law school and so on one becomes very close to the city of Windsor and has many friends there.

I would like the minister to comment on the \$900 million that was announced by Chrysler with respect to versatility on the van production. The van has proven to be a magnificent vehicle for all of Canada and the United States in production.

Chrysler will be more versatile in its production methods to compete with some of the competition presently on the road. Even though it has not created any new jobs I would be interested in the minister's comments. If we do not have them I would be prepared in the future to listen to him through his department as to how it secures and builds a confidence within Windsor and other communities.

The Acting Speaker (Mr. DeBlois): Order please. Time is running out and I must give the floor to the hon. minister.

Mr. Comuzzi: I will put my question and then I will sit down. I would like to hear about the confidence it builds and the security that it builds in those people who are employed and what effect that will have on the small business community in Windsor.

Mr. Hockin: Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my hon. friend for asking that question.

It is important we recognize that the investment is very important and positive and will create confidence. I was making the point that so many big business investments just maintain jobs but they also maintain confidence and I think that is very important.

I have been told this investment will entice suppliers to make long-term commitments. These are suppliers next door, suppliers in Canada, suppliers in southern Ontario, Essex county, Kent county, Middlesex county, Elgin county and maybe stretching all the way up to Toronto. They will be enticed to make investments and to deepen their intentions to produce in Canada rather than Mexico or the United States.