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manage. In 1988, throughout the campaign the slogan of the Conservative Party was "managing change". That was the slogan they pushed to all the Canadian people. We have seen how they manage change. It is change for the worse because the deficit has kept going up and up. The government has been unable to deal with the financial crisis that it is faced with, much of which is its own doing.

Instead of pursuing expansionist policies that might have created jobs, reduced dependence on unemployment insurance, reduced dependence on welfare, all of which are funded by the government, instead of pursuing that kind of policy and then increasing tax revenue as a result of that, the government has relied on cuts and increased taxes. It has been obsessed with lowering inflation to zero. It has been obsessed with that and it has thrown thousands of Canadians out of work. Now it has a provincial government in Ontario that follows exactly the same policies. It is a double whammy for our province and it is a double whammy for Canada.

If Ontario is supposed to be the engine that runs the Canadian economy, how can it do it when it has a government in Ottawa that keeps trying to put the brakes on and when it has a government in Ontario that does not know how to get the brakes off. Instead of trying to stimulate the economy in Ontario by getting rid of these silly labour laws that the minister in Ontario is introducing and so on, things that would attract business and make the province grow a little bit, the premier of Ontario seems bent for leather on changing things around to make it an unpleasant economic environment in that province that will not stimulate business.

The Minister of Finance comes along and says he is stimulating business with a few paltry handouts and then he admittedly makes a genuine attempt with a tax

reduction which the premier of Ontario then steals away. How are Ontario citizens supposed to prosper in that environment? How are people coming into Ontario supposed to feel that they can participate and grow in Ontario? Ontario used to be a place to stand and a place to grow. It is not any more. The reason it is not is because of the policies pursued by the minister and the policies pursued by the New Democratic Party government in that province. It is a sad state of affairs, a very sad state of affairs.

If the minister will accept some very sound advice, I would suggest he go to the Prime Minister right away and urge the Prime Minister to go to the Governor General, get a dissolution of this House, and allow the Canadian people to express their views on how the minister and his colleagues have been administering the Government of Canada for the last eight years. I am sure when they get the chance, it will be thumbs down and we will get a new government in this country that can do something about the problems that this government has created.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Is the House ready for the question?

Some hon. members: Question.

Madam Deputy Speaker: Pursuant to order made on Tuesday, December 1, 1992, the question on the motion is deemed put and a recorded division is deemed requested and deemed deferred until six o'clock p.m. on Monday, December 7, 1992.

It being 10.07 p.m., this House stands adjourned until tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m. pursuant to Standing Order 24(1).

The House adjourned at 10.07 p.m.