

# HOUSE OF COMMONS

Wednesday, October 16, 1985

The House met at 2 p.m.

● (1405)

## STATEMENTS PURSUANT TO S.O. 22

[Translation]

### EMPLOYMENT

#### GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Hon. André Ouellet (Papineau):** Unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, we now have to admit that the Government did not live up to its formal commitment to promote a full employment policy.

In his Budget statement the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) had publicly expressed full confidence in the private sector. The election of a new Conservative Government was expected to create such a climate of confidence among businessmen that the unemployment problem was going to disappear altogether.

Well, Mr. Speaker, the reality is something else again. The Conservative Government shirked its responsibilities, deeming it preferable to rely on companies to create jobs. The only thing we can see today is that plants are closing down one after another: Bombardier, Vickers, CSF Smelting, CSW Foundry, Gulf, Dominion Bridge and Dominion Textile are all black marks and proof positive that the Conservatives have reneged on their promises.

This morning, textile and clothing industry workers met with our Quebec Liberal caucus and told us that the pending shutdown of Dominion Textile plants at Saint-Jean and Valleyfield is a hard blow to them. We deplore such inaction on the part of the Government, for it will swell the ranks of the unemployed in Quebec.

**Mr. Speaker:** I must inform the Hon. Member that his allotted time has expired. The Hon. Member for Beaches (Mr. Young).

[English]

### PENSIONS

#### EFFECT OF BUDGET'S PROVISIONS ON REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLANS

**Mr. Neil Young (Beaches):** Mr. Speaker, the more closely one examines the Budget of last May the clearer it becomes that the Budget's provisions help the wealthy and large corporations at the expense of low income Canadians, the elderly, the young, and the disabled. While allowing high income earners to reduce taxes through greatly increased Registered Retirement Savings Plan contributions, the Government will take money out of the pockets of Canadians trying to survive on pensions, even from those receiving disability pensions.

The Budget proposes to restrict the rollovers of pension incomes into RRSPs. This means that those forced into early retirement or those on disability pensions will not have the option of sheltering a small part of their minimal income for the future. These people are not wealthy individuals. Putting money aside for the future means a loss in their present standard of living. The Government wants to tax them on those savings but it offers a bonanza to those earning far above the Canadian average.

The Government had the good political sense to withdraw its unfair attack on senior citizens' well-deserved pensions, but it is obvious that the same Budget treats the rich very well. Mr. Speaker, it is time that the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) withdrew that Budget and brought in one that treats ordinary Canadians in the same manner that the rich are now being treated.

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### THE LATE SHANE VAUDRIN

#### LESSONS FROM THREE-YEAR-OLD'S LIFE AND DEATH

**Mr. Ted Schellenberg (Nanaimo-Alberni):** Mr. Speaker, last Friday at Pittsburg Children's Hospital a tough little three-year-old boy passed away. Shane Vaudrin of Nanaimo died just a day after undergoing his third liver transplant. The new organ failed and infection had set in. On September 5 Shane had received his first liver transplant. On October 1 he underwent a second transplant operation. Despite the best efforts of his doctors, the third organ was rejected as well. Throughout his ordeal his parents, Claude and Cleo Vaudrin, were at his side, often going without sleep for three days at a time.

I rise today not just to say goodbye to Nanaimo's little hero. I want to acknowledge the people of central Vancouver Island,