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lower paying or even some of the higher paying manufacturing jobs.

If we are to succeed in the future, we have to pursue policies which promote science and technology and scientific research and development. We need to invest in education, in forward-looking jobs that add value and creativity in Canada. We can no longer expect to survive on our base of industry that is old. We can no longer expect to prosper in the world based solely on the sale of our natural resources. I think that the government should bring forward a twofold economic strategy; one addressing the fact that they are creating a recession in this country and have done so by creating very high unemployment, and at the same time to bring forward a plan for building a new class of high paying, useful jobs that will move us forward into the future as a nation that is committed to the welfare of its people and a clean environment.

Hon. Jean J. Charest (Sherbrooke): Mr. Speaker, I was interested in the remarks of the member for Ottawa South since he was quoted in *The Ottawa Citizen* of October 13. I thought his comments were fairly reasonable. I will get to them later.

I must admit that I am very disappointed in his speech. During questions and comments he may want to make some comments about that because I know he is one of the members of the Liberal Party of Canada who is promised, apparently according to people in his own party, a good future, a brilliant future. I think I even heard somebody say that he may be a leadership candidate. That could be a compliment in certain circles, except that in the Liberal Party of Canada at least half of the caucus consider themselves to be leadership material.

I would have expected a speech that was a little more consistent in the area of democracy. I do not think that the speech by the member for Ottawa South will be remembered as one of the most brilliant moments of his career in so far as describing what democracy is about. Now is the time when all members of this House who are concerned in any way at all with the basic precepts and principles of democracy must denounce with all their energy what is going on in the Senate of Canada today. To speak of dictatorship at this time, Mr. Speaker, you would have to speak of the dictatorship of unelected federal Liberals who refuse on a money matter to accede to the democratically elected will of the House of

Commons of Canada. That is revolting, it is unacceptable. The member for Ottawa South should take the first opportunity to get up in his place and denounce that as being unacceptable.

I have a simple question for the member for Ottawa South. What is the position of the leader of the Liberal Party of Canada concerning this. I will tell you why I am asking this question, Mr. Speaker. Because we do not know.

What we know is from the same article in *The Ottawa Citizen* of October 13, 1990, entitled, "Who is in charge?". I will not cite the article verbatim, but it states, "The leader of the Liberal Party, Mr. Chrétien, today said during the Liberal leadership race that it would be irresponsible to axe the GST if we did not have an alternative". I have yet to hear today from the Liberals what that alternative would be.

But then later on he seemed to change his mind. He said, "I have my own personal opinions but I am not alone in the Liberal Party of Canada". I have news for him. He is really not alone in the Liberal Party of Canada.

He then went on to say that he did not know what the Senate was going to do. Then he said, "Well, they will not do anything that I don't want them to do", and today we still do not know where the leader of the Liberal Party stands on this.

I want to finish by citing the member for Ottawa South who said that he supports the Senate's efforts. That is what he said, and it is consistent with his speech today, but he is worried that in the battle for public opinion kazoo blowing might very well cost the Liberals support.

It seems the applause has stopped on the other side.

He went on to say, "I personally find the antics of obstructionism offensive and I don't believe that most Canadians want that to be the way their public policy is decided". He is obviously talking about the way the federal Liberals are behaving. Could he tell us today whether he still stands by that quote in *The Ottawa Citizen* of October 13?

Mr. Manley: Mr. Speaker, I hope you will give me adequate time to respond to a very long statement by the former minister. I am a little disappointed in him as well. I have high regard for him, perhaps as a potential future leader of his party. I thought by and large he had comported himself in his very significant responsibilities quite well. I do not think that this is necessarily the best