

## GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** Mr. Speaker, we are talking about a commitment that the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources made to have jobs for the displaced workers, and there are no jobs. Why don't you stand in your place and come clean with the people of Canada and admit that you deceived them in the election, you deceived them on November 8, and you deceived them now? Will the Minister explain why it is fair to give the multinational oil companies \$1.3 billion in tax advantages when he cannot find enough money for additional job creation funds? Explain the fairness there?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, so there is no deception here, why doesn't the Hon. Member come clean and tell us all that he is running for the leadership of the Liberal Party of Nova Scotia?

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Guilbault (Saint-Jacques):** Wrong again.

**Some Hon. Members:** Wrong again.

**Mr. Epp (Provencher):** You mean they don't want him?

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** The little twitch in the corner of the Hon. Member's lips betrays the announcement he made the other night.

Mr. Speaker, let me be quite clear. The Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion is in Cape Breton today setting out clearly—

**Mr. Broadbent:** He will be lucky to get out alive.

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):**—what the Government's plans are regarding the people who are losing their jobs resulting from the closure of the heavy water plants. He will also be announcing the arrangements that will be made for those people, how we will be able to help them in finding new employment, and how we are going to establish an advisory committee to come up with—

**Mr. Speaker:** Order. With great respect.

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):**—to replace those jobs.

**Mr. Speaker:** This answer is too long. Under the circumstances, a very short supplementary.

## MINISTER'S POSITION

**Mr. David Dingwall (Cape Breton-East Richmond):** For the record, Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday evening I informed my constituents that I will not be a candidate for the leadership of the Nova Scotia Liberal Party.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Dingwall:** After this Budget the opportunity is here.

## Oral Questions

Why is the Minister of Finance playing cheap partisan politics with the lives of these people? When will he come clean with the people of Canada and admit that his Budget is for the rich and is definitely against Atlantic Canadians?

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** Mr. Speaker, Nova Scotia has been saved.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Boudria:** Not by you.

**Mr. Dingwall:** So much for integrity.

**Mr. Wilson (Etobicoke Centre):** Mr. Speaker, we are very sensitive to the position of the people of Cape Breton. That is why the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion is there now. He is not walking away from the problem. He has gone there to meet with the people and lay out, in very clear terms, the various ways we are going to address the problems they are facing and at the same time do more for the economy of Cape Breton than has been the case with those heavy water plants which everyone in Nova Scotia, including Cape Breton, knew had to be closed. We are meeting a problem here, but we are meeting it in a way that will make for a healthier economy and a more permanent degree of job creation in Cape Breton.

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## LABOUR CONDITIONS

## UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS—GOVERNMENT POLICY

**Mr. Nelson A. Riis (Kamloops-Shuswap):** Mr. Speaker, my question is also directed to the Minister of Finance. He indicated yesterday that his Budget would be a very fair one. He will also be aware that there are 500,000 young people unemployed during this International Year of Youth. There are also 600,000 women in Canada who are jobless today. Yet the Budget failed to set aside any amount of money for direction job creation. By his own admission in this Budget, unemployment will remain at 10 per cent or more for the rest of the decade. Why has the Minister decided to allow these very high levels of unemployment to continue? Is this his idea of fairness?

**Miss MacDonald:** You have got to be kidding.

**Hon. Michael Wilson (Minister of Finance):** There is only scattered applause for that question, and for a very good reason. Back in November his Leader and the Hon. Member for Essex-Windsor said we were going to destroy 50,000 to 100,000 jobs. In April some 89,000 jobs were created, the majority of which were for women.

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We are not doing this in the way that the NDP would like us to, and that the Liberals did during their term in office. We have said that this is a clear break from the past. We are going to encourage and motivate the private sector, particularly the