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Minister and other Conservatives from Alberta are now known as the pathetic Conservatives in western Canada.

I was born in Alberta. My mom and dad were born in Alberta. My grandparents lived in Alberta. I have lots of aunts, uncles, cousins and all kinds of relatives who live in Alberta, most of whom used to be supporters of the Conservative Party, provincially and federally. They are not any more, almost to a one, and for good reasons.

The speech just given demonstrates clearly why Albertans are sick and tired of the rhetoric and malarkey coming from that Minister and the Alberta Tories. They go around saying, "Socialist this, red scare that. The socialists would do this or they would do that or did that." The old stories of fright and fear mongering do not work among Albertans any more. Albertans are much more intelligent, much more understanding and caring about Alberta and western Canada than the Tory Members want to give them credit for. Albertans now place their support as third for Conservatives. They place Liberals higher in their esteem than they do the Tories and they put New Democrats at the top, and I think for good reason.

Mr. Malone: In Alberta?

Mr. Fulton: Let me give an example of why Albertans are suspicious of where the Tories are coming from. Alberta has the lowest per capita acreage of parkland of any province in Canada. What are the Tory's response to that? They come to Cabinet and say "You should turn over the national parks to Alberta so that Alberta can have a parkland base". That is the kind of lack of vision that we have seen decade after decade after decade from the silent 20, as they are known in Alberta. What happens when one speaks out? What happened to the Member from Edmonton who spoke out? He got thrown out of caucus. But what happens to Tory Members who are involved in land deals or influence peddling or anything else? They get to stay in caucus. They get to hang around and continue to participate, but we know that if a western Tory tries to say the Government is not dealing with this or that bread and butter issue and speaks out, he gets bounced down the road.

Let me deal with the park issue for a moment because it is important to look at the silence of the Alberta Tories on issues related to the environment, on important national issues, such as parks. We have to understand that Albertans have a great love for the land, for the farmland, the foothills, for Jasper, Banff, for Wood Buffalo and other areas in the province. Why has there not been a single Alberta Tory Member talking about the national park system? Why have they not been a little more sensitive to this crazy idea of simply turning over the national parks so that a Don Getty and others can go around and crow saying, "Now we have all these marvellous provincial parks".

Why hasn't that Government with the Heritage Fund, and through other means, gone about acquiring some of the grasslands, acquiring part of the foothills, acquiring part of the Peace River, acquiring those areas of natural beauty so that

Albertans can have a sound provincial and regional economic base in terms of tourism? I suggest it is for a simple reason that Albertans have now finally recognized. Tories have managed to get elected and re-elected. They have said that the reds are coming, that there is a socialist scare, that the socialists will take over the oil patch. They are going to do this and that, quoting from policies, 10, 15, 20 or 30 years ago. I do not stoop to that kind of stupidity, dragging out all Tory policies from the 1930s, 1940s or 1950s. That is the kind of low gutter politics which Tory MPs love to practice, going around telling half truths, saying, "Keep us in Government because if you had the New Democrats they would do this or that". As I said, Albertans are tired of the fear mongering. They have recognized that the silent 20 have become known in Alberta and in all of western Canada as the pathetic Conservatives.

Albertans have looked and they know what happened in Saskatchewan in the years of Tommy Douglas and Allan Blakeney. They know what good Government can bring at the provincial level. They saw what happened in British Columbia which brought in insurance policies and all kinds of other things that were good for individual ordinary Canadians in British Columbia. That is why the New Democrats are the Official Opposition in the Legislature of Alberta. After the next federal election they will hold a substantial majority of the seats in Alberta, I am quite convinced.

Mr. Malone: That is what you said in the last election and the election before that.

Mr. Fulton: We hear them crowing over there. Why is it that the 20 government Members have never brought forward any days of debate on the Alberta economy? Why is that, Mr. Speaker? Why is it that the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) has sneaked out once since the election and sneaked through Alberta to a couple of specially selected meetings and then sneaked back out of Alberta and into British Columbia? The Tory caucus says "Brian, don't come to the west. Put Maz up. Put Joe up. Don't bring the Prime Minister out here".

Mr. Jelinek: That is not true.

Mr. Fulton: "We know that our popularity will simply go down, down, down. We know what kind of a Government you bring us".

Let me just use some of the figures that were used by the Minister for Consumer and Corporate Affairs (Mr. Andre). Statistics Canada pointed out that of the real new jobs created since the last Budget, there were almost zero in Alberta; 137,000 were created in all of Canada, with 132,000 of them in southern Ontario. Five thousand were speckled and scattered throughout the rest of Canada, with very few in the west.

The Minister says that they have created all these jobs in Alberta, but we are talking about net job creation. For every 10 about which the Minister was talking having been created in Alberta, nine were lost. That happened in almost every