

every province, including Quebec, and in every territory. That is a crime and we do not support Bill C-91.

Across this country we see the devastation that this government's policies have brought. In Windsor today 1,600 GM workers will be laid off; a GATT panel has ruled that the United States broke international trade law when it harassed the softwood lumber industry; and in fact, yesterday in Quebec City we heard from a coalition of Mexican labour, peasants and human rights organizations that the trade deal, NAFTA, will be bad for Mexican workers.

I appeal to the Prime Minister to do something for Canadian jobs. Will he agree not to proceed with the NAFTA deal? Trade policy in this country has been an abject failure.

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** If the NAFTA deal is now bad for Mexican workers, maybe it is good for Canadian workers. My hon. friend will have to make up her mind.

My hon. friend is wondering what she can do to be helpful in terms of job creation. Her members could pass Bill C-91, but the leader of the NDP says that they will not pass Bill C-91 because it is bad for the economy. The member from Windsor says it is bad for the country. The day before yesterday Eli Lilly Canada announced a \$170 million investment in Scarborough as a direct result of the federal government's new drug patent law.

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I draw to the attention of the leader of the NDP—and I think this is significant—what the premier of Ontario said. The premier of Ontario said—

**An hon. member:** Ah.

**Mr. Mulroney:** Pay attention. With regard to the \$170 million investment he said: "It is great to be here on a good day with a good announcement. We in the Government of Ontario don't want to be so opposed to Bill C-91 that we turn away investment. Not at all". That is what he said.

**Hon. Audrey McLaughlin (Yukon):** Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question. The premier of Ontario, for the record, is clearly opposed to Bill C-91.

I would like to remind the Prime Minister since he wants to transfer statistics that the B.C. minister of health gave evidence to the committee on Bill C-91,

saying that it would cost that province \$145 million more in health care costs just for two drugs, because of Bill C-91.

I want to say to the Prime Minister it is clear that trade policy in this country has been a failure. Tax policy in this country has been a failure. Would the Prime Minister direct the Minister of Finance to bring in an economic statement that would create jobs in this country, not cost jobs in this country?

**Right Hon. Brian Mulroney (Prime Minister):** Mr. Speaker, jobs are created in Canada by the creation of a climate within which the private sector can invest and create jobs.

My hon. friend asks for an indication of how this can be done. I just indicated yesterday that if she passed Bill C-91 there would be \$70 million of new investment in Scarborough, Ontario, with hundreds of direct research and development jobs. If she will not accept my word for it, I urge her to take the word of the premier of Ontario who says: "We don't want to be so opposed to Bill C-91 that we turn away investment".

Premier Rae is quite right. That is a very thoughtful statement, and I commend it to the leader of the NDP. After she consults with the premier, if she changes her mind on Bill C-91 that will be a very important policy initiative for the NDP.

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## CHILD POVERTY

**Ms. Sheila Copps (Hamilton East):** Mr. Speaker, my question is for the Minister of Finance.

Parents are not working and children are not eating. Brother Richard from the Good Shepherd Centre in Hamilton has advised us this morning that the centre alone is going to be feeding 3,750 children before Christmas.

The Sunday before Christmas that same centre will be offering a Christmas meal, a one-sitting Christmas meal to 1,200 people who do not have enough to eat. There are 342 food banks across this country and the number is growing daily.

If the plan of the Minister of Finance is working, why are the children of Canada going hungry just before Christmas?