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The report indicates that Bill C-21, presently being held up in the other place, is a significant start toward changing our policies regarding job training and thus adapting to changing world markets.

Mr. Speaker, the Liberals in the other place must end their antics and allow these progressive initiatives, supported by the Economic Council to move forward.

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AGRICULTURE

Mr. Bob Speller (Haldimand—Norfolk): Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deliver a message to this government on behalf of the dairy and poultry producers of Haldimand—Norfolk.

They join thousands of other farmers across Canada in urging this government not to compromise supply management as it enters the final round of the GATT negotiations. Farmers all across Canada have been hurt by this government's anti-farm policies. Our dairy and poultry farmers and their supply management systems were sold down the river by concessions this government gave under the Canada-U.S. free trade deal.

Canada must not sell out its farmers under these negotiations as it did under free trade. Canadian dairy and poultry farmers are under the gun now, thanks to this government. I am telling this government not to return from the GATT negotiations unless it helps our supply managed commodity farmers. It is time for this government to finally stand up for the rights of our Canadian farmers.

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[Translation]

THE ECONOMY

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I have here a notice sent to employees who work for Mallette in Timmins. The company's owners have announced layoffs for an indefinite period because of the present economic situation.

This notice is very similar to ones received by employees at Air Canada, Imperial Oil, Canadian National, and so forth. What the Prime Minister calls a slight slowdown is, in fact, a recession.

Mr. Speaker, it is high time the Prime Minister and his Minister of Finance put a stop to these disastrous

economic policies which include high interest rates, the goods and services tax and other measures that have led to the present situation.

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[English]

NATIONAL UNITY

Mr. J. W. Bud Bird (Fredericton—York—Sunbury): Mr. Speaker, it has been deeply disappointing and frustrating to most Canadians, and certainly to me, that some of our citizens, particularly in Quebec but also among our native Indian bands, seek a separate sovereignty, apart from Canada. I cannot and will not support any directions that promote a separate Canada.

The unity of this country is our most compelling priority. However, this is not to say that we should try to prevent anyone from exercising his or her freedom to feel or to think or to speak differently in Canada, even though it may be for extreme positions such as separation. Our democracy is surely strong enough for that. It will stand the test of dissent and division. In fact, it will be that very spirit of free democracy that will ultimately keep us together.

For example, as much as I oppose the separation of Quebec, which is the cause that motivates some of our independent members from Quebec, and as strongly as I will work to defend Canadian unity against their efforts, nevertheless I do support their elected right to represent their constituents as they see fit.

We shall not be able to demonstrate the virtues of Canadianism by obstructing or squelching free thought or free speech. Rather, we will establish those virtues by tolerating dissent and debate and by defeating wrong directions in democratic ways.

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[Translation]

HIBERNIA PROJECT

Mr. Guy Saint-Julien (Abitibi): Mr. Speaker, Quebec Conservatives did not wait until September 1990 to defend the interests of Quebec in the Hibernia project. Yesterday, Quebec Minister Gérald Tremblay, a Liberal, proved this when he said that "we should not look at the situation in terms of Lévis alone". Mr. Tremblay maintained that without the presence of Benoit Bouchard, the minister and member for Roberval in Ottawa, "we