

I thought it would be a good idea for the people who had signed the petition to get information from a government member too. I wrote to them and gave the government position on Bill C-86. Lo and behold, 15 per cent of the letters were returned to me by the post office, saying no such person or no such address.

It may be the post office did not look far enough. It may be the post office should have looked at the tombstones in the local cemetery for some of the names. After all, some elections have been won that way. I am sure the member for Surrey North would not do a thing like that but I do think, Mr. Speaker, you have a problem with some of the petitions.

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METRO TORONTO

Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West): Mr. Speaker, the government continues to say the recession is over but as we know few Canadians believe them. Certainly not those Canadians living in metropolitan Toronto.

Despite these very proud Tory declarations, the economic malaise in the metropolitan Toronto region, an indispensable part of the national economic fabric, continues virtually unabated.

This Friday the metro chairman, Mr. Alan Tonks, will be convening an economic summit of all three levels of government, business, labour and the Canadian public.

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The Conservative government is sending four ministers to the conference. I would suggest the time for empty words is over, the time for inaction is over, the time for staying a course that is clearly not working for Canadians in Toronto and across the country is over.

Torontonians want change. They want action. They want a proud government that is prepared to intervene, to stimulate the economy and to get this indispensable part of the Canadian machinery going again.

Between the Tory government in Ottawa and the NDP government at Queen's Park, Toronto is being sold out.

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LABOUR

Mr. Barry Moore (Pontiac—Gatineau—Labelle): Mr. Speaker, the Conference Board of Canada has predicted a year of relative labour peace in the Canadian work place.

Low inflation and the leadership of the federal government in exercising fiscal restraint has meant that bargaining priorities have shifted to such important work place improvements as access to job training and other non-monetary benefits.

Flying in the face of these positive developments is the president of the Public Service Alliance of Canada, Mr. Daryl Bean, who has vowed to take money from a \$1.25 million collective bargaining account to target certain candidates for defeat in the upcoming election.

I wonder if PSAC members are aware of Daryl Bean's intention to endorse and to work for the election of Bloc Quebecois candidates.

It strains all credulity to see PSAC's endorsement of a party that is committed to the demise of Canada and with it the disappearance of some 45,000 federal jobs in Quebec. If I were a member of PSAC, I would demand my money back.

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE

Mr. Cid Samson (Timmins—Chapleau): Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the members of *Mouvement Action—Chômage*, some of whom are here today, for the role they have played in raising the public profile of the sweeping and destructive changes planned for the UI Act.

Mouvement Action Chômage can tell many horror stories of their experiences with the UI system, problems which will escalate under the new legislation.

[Translation]

Mouvement Action—Chômage has done an excellent job of informing the public about the proposed amendments to the Unemployment Insurance Act and Bill C-105. I urge them to keep on fighting with the same enthusiasm and determination they have shown so far.

[English]

We still have much to do to kill this bill.