

QUESTION PASSED AS ORDER FOR RETURN

Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council): Madam Speaker, if question No. 3,030 could be made an order for return, this return would be tabled immediately.

Madam Speaker: Is it the pleasure of the House that question No. 3,030 be deemed to have been made an order for return?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

[Text]

ACCREDITED JOURNALISTS FROM U.S.S.R.

Question No. 3,030—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Are accredited journalists from the U.S.S.R. required by the Department of External Affairs to request permission before leaving the national capital area and, if so (a) what are all the details of the procedure involved (b) what is the name and address of each journalist who applied for such permission for as far back as records exist and, in each case (i) which news agency did he/she represent (ii) which places did he/she visit and for what purpose?

Return tabled.

[English]

Mr. Smith: I ask, Madam Speaker, that the remaining questions be allowed to stand.

Madam Speaker: Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

BUSINESS OF SUPPLY

ALLOTTED DAY, S.O. 58—INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Hon. David Crombie (Rosedale) moved:

That this House condemns the government for its chronic failure to implement policies to support the development of a sound industrial sector for Canada, and for the resulting lay-off crisis in every sector of the economy and every region of the country, which has had particularly severe consequences for the auto industry, the resource industry, the energy projects and the producers of consumer goods and appliances.

He said: Madam Speaker, I am pleased to be able to participate in the debate today, particularly when the statistics published this morning by Statistics Canada indicate that we have an unemployment rate which is higher than it has been at any time in recent memory and, indeed, higher than it has been since soon after World War II.

An article in *The Globe and Mail* on April 7, 1982, which reported on an interview with Governor Gerald Bouey of the Bank of Canada as follows:

"I am sometimes asked how high does the rate of unemployment have to go, how many foreclosures have to occur, before the bank will give up its policy of monetary restraint," he told a Canadian Club audience of businessmen sprinkled with top civil servants.

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"Since surrendering to inflation is no answer to our problem, one might better ask how long will it take Canadians to respond realistically, to take the financial discipline our situation requires—"

How long will it take Canadians to recognize the importance of financial discipline, Mr. Speaker? I do not know how Governor Bouey sees the world. He may see it differently if he is talking to people who make substantial sums of money and top civil servants who also make substantial sums of money. When he talks about telling Canadians that they should be more realistic and impose upon themselves a financial discipline, I am interested to know—and the report did not cover this—which Canadians he is talking about. Where do they live? Who are they?

Surely he cannot be referring to the 1,229,000 on record as being unemployed. They are obviously already exercising financial discipline. Perhaps he meant the three million Canadians who live below the Statistics Canada poverty line—that's 12 per cent of our population. I do not think he meant them either.

Nor do I think he meant the 42 per cent of high school graduates who are looking for work and cannot find it. They are obviously exercising some financial discipline.

Maybe he meant the part-time workers in Canada who need and are looking for full-time jobs and cannot find them. There are 45,000 of them in Toronto alone. Maybe he meant that they should exercise financial discipline.

Perhaps he is talking about the quarter of a million unemployed employables that the Assistant Deputy Minister of National Health and Welfare talked about two days ago. They are the "unemployed employables". I am sure he did not mean they should exercise financial discipline.

Maybe he meant the 500 people laid off yesterday by Eaton's in Toronto. Maybe he meant the 6,200 people laid off in the shoe industry. Perhaps he meant the 1,500 International Harvester workers who will be laid off by May. Perhaps he meant the third of the industrial work force in the automotive industry. Perhaps he meant that those people should be exercising financial discipline.

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Perhaps he meant that the 600,000 senior citizens who are living below the Statistics Canada poverty line should be exercising financial discipline. Perhaps he meant the farmers in the country who will have 15 per cent less income. Who was he talking about? It cannot be all of those people; it cannot be any of those people.

The fact of the matter is that when it comes to the financial discipline index, people are joining in the thousands every day. They may not be the top public servants of whom he spoke the other day. It might be helpful to everyone if Governor Bouey, and those he serves on the government side, made clear from whom they want financial discipline. Why are all these people being forced, while others are not, into such financial discipline?