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The Prime Minister promised to introduce a new civility in this place and in Canada. That new civility amounts to knifing elderly Canadians in the back and saying: "Please accept this knife as a token of our compassion". That is a real shame.

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THE ADMINISTRATION**GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS**

Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt): Mr. Speaker, the Tory Government's patronage gravy train rolls on. On March 15, just two weeks after being called to the bar, John McMillan, the brother of the Minister of State for Tourism (Mr. McMillan), was appointed legal agent for the federal Government. Securing an appointment as legal agent was not all that difficult for Mr. McMillan. According to reports, Mr. McMillan secured the appointment by picking up the phone and calling his brother's office in Ottawa. Furthermore, and I quote Mr. McMillan: "The chap who co-ordinates the appointment of legal agents also happened to be an old friend". The article from which I quote goes on to add that Mr. McMillan appreciates what his friends in Ottawa have done for him, as it will stand him in good stead in his law career.

The Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) campaigned on the need to change the old way of doing things. He was going to end costly and irresponsible patronage appointments. Instead, we are witnessing a litany of cabinet Ministers' relatives lined up at the public trough. I would suggest, Mr. Speaker, that the Prime Minister has an option. He has a duty to the people of Canada to change the old Liberal way of doing things by appointing people to government positions on the basis of merit and not blood lines.

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EMPLOYMENT**INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT LEVELS**

Mr. Bob Pennock (Etobicoke North): Mr. Speaker, once again the Liberal and NDP forecasters of economic doom and gloom have been proven wrong. They have learned today that employment increased last month by 70,000. Combined with April's increase of 89,000, this represents the largest absolute increase for a two-month period in 32 years. Over 70 per cent of these new jobs are full-time jobs.

Unemployment is down in seven provinces, with the largest declines occurring in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and British Columbia.

Canadians have not been fooled by the gloomy, short-sighted predictions of the Opposition. They remember only too well the disastrous economic record of the Liberals, supported by their NDP bedfellows. They have not forgotten the unnecessary suffering and hardship caused by ill-conceived economic policies. Instead, Canadians have accepted the invitation extended by the Government to join together and set this

country of ours back on the road to economic recovery and witness the dawning of a new age of prosperity.

Canadians, once again, are full of hope, trust, and optimism. The Government is delivering on its commitment to create jobs, jobs, jobs. Together with the people of this nation we will deliver more, more, more.

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THE ECONOMY**EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT MEASURES**

Mr. Gabriel Fontaine (Lévis): Mr. Speaker, when this Government came to power, its platform was economic renewal and national reconciliation, a platform that was announced in the November economic message and confirmed and further developed in the Budget brought down by the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) two weeks ago.

Mr. Speaker, our policies were aimed at renewing investor confidence and liberating the private sector. The Opposition has shouted down these proposals and demanded more money for creating temporary jobs, but we did not give in because we believe that the private sector is in the best position to create useful and durable jobs, provided it is given a chance to do so.

Mr. Speaker, we have asked Canadian entrepreneurs to deliver the goods and they have done so a hundred times over.

According to statistics published today, 271,000 jobs have been created in Canada since September. It is the first time we have seen such a high growth rate over a two-month period since Statistics Canada started publishing monthly labour market data.

The unemployment rate in Canada, at 11.6 per cent when the election was held, went down to 10.5 per cent in May. Unemployment among young people dropped from 18.3 to 16.2 per cent. Seventy per cent of these new jobs are full-time jobs.

Mr. Speaker, this Government is aware of its responsibility to Canadians who are unemployed and who have given up looking for work. The fact that tens of thousands of Canadians have found jobs is an indication that our policies produced—

Mr. Speaker: I am sorry to interrupt the Hon. Member but his time has expired.

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THE ECONOMY**INCREASE IN NUMBER OF JOBS**

Mr. Jean-Luc Joncas (Matapédia-Matane): This morning, Mr. Speaker, Statistics Canada published the findings of its