

responsible position on the part of the minister, and he is to be congratulated.

The events of yesterday have shown that where there is good will on both sides the toughest issues can be resolved. We wish those returning to the bargaining table well and hope that the commitment to a negotiated settlement will prevail.

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[Translation]

BILL C-29

Mr. Jacques Vien (Laurentides): Mr. Speaker, yesterday the Public Service Alliance and Treasury Board agreed to resume negotiations.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, Bill C-29, whose purpose is the return to work of federal Public Service employees, is suspended.

Furthermore, it should be noted that Treasury Board has agreed to resume negotiations with no prior conditions, although we intend to remain firm on 0-3-3.

These are clear indications of the government's good faith and show that we have favoured negotiations to reach a settlement.

Let it be clearly understood that we will always favour discussion over confrontation to end any disagreement.

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[English]

PUBLIC SERVICE

Mr. Jim Edwards (Edmonton Southwest): Mr. Speaker, as the picket lines came down this morning, public servants returned to work and the negotiators prepared to return to the bargaining table, the question being asked is: "Who is the winner?"

Reporters anxious for a punchy headline or soundbite may identify the employer or the union or some intermediary. The truth is the Canadian public, the taxpayer, is the winner. The Public Service is back at work without adding to the deficit or increasing taxes. All of us in government are faced with zero, three and three: MPs, ministers, the Prime Minister, senior management, and PSAC.

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Confrontation, not the Canadian way, is over. Dialogue, the Canadian passion, is resumed. Services essential to our physical and economic health will flow again. Canadians can get to and from work without hindrance. And, should it all come unstuck, Parliament is ready to act very swiftly.

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[Translation]

MONTREAL'S ECONOMY

Mr. Nic Leblanc (Longueuil): Mr. Speaker, last spring we had a debate on Montreal's economic problems. The minister responsible for Montreal was present, very relaxed, and considered the situation to be normal. He had to be unconscious or deaf. Disaster was looming: the transfer of many Air Canada employees from Montreal to Toronto, the move of pilot training from Montreal to Toronto, the lay-off of at least 450 Air Canada employees and others that I do not have time to list.

Mr. Speaker, for the good of Montrealers, the Prime Minister should act quickly and replace this incompetent minister—I urge him to do so.

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ENVIRONMENT

Mr. Gabriel Desjardins (Témiscamingue): Mr. Speaker, last June, the government announced a \$1.7 million program to establish a Canadian youth secretariat that would be in charge of organizing environmental seminars across the country, to prepare Canada's youth for participation in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992.

Preparations started in Rouyn-Noranda last June, and after a series of six regional seminars, followed by a national conference, the position taken by Canada's youth is to be announced by the middle of October. All this was possible thanks to the Green Plan.

Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to our youth's commitment and involvement and the high level of their discussions by young people on environmental issues. I am convinced that the proposals made by our young people will lead to a world consensus on youth's role in the struggle to protect the environment and to promote sustainable development.