

fussy than the other, for both Opposition Parties have introduced amendments to guarantee employment, to make sure that Canadian investors do not lose faith in their country, and to promote regional development throughout Canada, particularly in Quebec.

Here is the kind of headlines we see these days, Mr. Speaker:

Complete reversal of federal priorities. Military expenditures favoured over regional assistance.

Statements by ministers and Government priorities are quite enough to worry Canadians, and the whole exercise cannot be left in the hands of only one individual. Let us say I have confidence in this Minister, but all Hon. Members know that he will not be alone to monitor the situation. Officials and various people will be there to assist him. I would suggest that Hon. Members are in the best position to advise the Minister. They are supposed to be familiar with their region, their riding, and regardless of political affiliation—Conservative, Liberal and NDP alike—each Member must have a role to play because his first responsibility is to uphold the interests of men and women in his riding who elected him in the first place.

Mr. Speaker, when we consider the decisions made since September 4, or November 5 when the session began, including Summer Canada programs budget cut-backs in most ridings, no wonder people have lost faith in the Conservative majority. Various projects have been handed over to officials who make honest and sincere efforts to do their job properly, but those people cannot possibly be thoroughly familiar with our ridings and, as elected Members, we must answer to our electors for every decision made, good or bad. No Sir, I suspect the Government may have been through bad experiences with some of the Conservative Members with respect to Canada Works. The Minister did not waste time before telling those Members—Liberal Members were told automatically—that they could no longer participate with community organizations and businesses in the development of their region. That was the first sign of mistrust between them. The fight has broken out within the power hungry Cabinet. It is no secret, we all know that the Minister of State for Youth (Mrs. Champagne) does not get along with the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Miss MacDonald). Those two are fighting, and one does not know what the other is doing. They are always looking over their shoulders. The best proof, Mr. Speaker . . . The Hon. Member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. St. Germain) just said something. The best proof? The president of the national caucus was appointed, not elected. It shows a lack of confidence—

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order, please. I would ask the Hon. Member to speak to the two motions.

**Some Hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

### *Investment Canada Act*

**Mr. Malépart:** I am sure you agree with me, Mr. Speaker, and when you stood up, it clearly demonstrated that I was right on and that the problem is truly there. That is why all the amendments introduced both by the NDP and the Liberal Party aim at ensuring that Parliamentarians get the proper respect. These amendments call for the Cabinet to be advised of the terms of any planned takeover. That is quite normal. Why try to hide anything? Why object to public disclosure? What is there to hide? Is someone plotting anything? I wonder, because of the position of the Conservatives towards these amendments. If we consider the proliferation of the little clubs with a \$100 admission fee, we become increasingly suspicious about the concentration of privileges. I can understand the Conservatives' reaction, because they cannot stand being told the truth. Otherwise, if they had nothing to hide, why would they refuse the amendments proposed both by the NDP and the Liberal Party?

Have you ever seen ordinary citizens trying to hide anything? Ordinary citizens are open, Canadians are open, and what we are trying to do, first and foremost, is to protect thousands of jobs in every part of the country.

In this regard, if we consider the substance of the amendment moved by my colleague, as well as those moved by NDP members, we realize that the purpose of all these amendments is to make sure that when foreign investors take over existing plants or build new ones in Canada, it will not result in a loss of jobs as is the case at the present time. Also, they would have to agree to continue the development of the region together with community groups. And finally, to make sure that they are not setting up shop just to be able to dump their products in our market and to force the closure of a competitor who is doing just fine.

We know that the textile industry is rather shaky. Are we going to let foreign investors come to Canada and jeopardize the future of our own companies which can hardly survive? It would be unthinkable! I believe that the information should be made public and that the member of Parliament representing the area should be the first to know, or perhaps the Progressive Conservative members do not give a damn about their constituents, preferring to travel extensively, ignore the problems and enjoy the good life. But I do not think there are many like that, Mr. Speaker. I know a number of them who are honest and sincere and who are eager to work for and defend their constituents. These people should support our amendments, Mr. Speaker.

I notice that the time allotted to me is about to expire, Mr. Speaker. I could add a great many things to try to convince them, but, unfortunately, they will not listen.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Richelieu (Mr. Plamondon) has the floor.