

Mr. Baldwin: The minister's speech was terrible.

Mr. Alexander: It was a disastrous speech. There were people in the press gallery waiting in great anticipation to hear something, but all he did for 15 minutes was berate the loyal opposition. He also berated the New Democratic Party. I have discovered that this government is good at rhetoric but is no good at actions or deeds. I stand here and say confidently that in my opinion the Canadian people have no faith in this government. In the Hamilton district alone, which has a population of approximately 200,000, almost 19,000 people were unemployed on December 30. What the government must do is create a climate which encourages human endeavour and initiative and does not discourage them.

Some hon. Members: Hear, hear!

Mr. Alexander: We must create a climate of hope as opposed to one of despair and frustration. We must create a climate for economic growth in which the talents and expertise of the Canadian people can bring about the betterment of Canada.

What are the facts, Mr. Speaker? The Economic Council in its recent annual review gave what I would call a backhanded, scathing and sarcastic condemnation of this government. It said that Canada probably has the highest rate of unemployment of the more industrially advanced nations. Do you know what this means, Mr. Speaker? It means the loss of our valuable human resources, the loss of productivity and the loss of taxes. And what did the Minister of Finance say?

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Order, please. It being 9.45 o'clock p.m., it is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 60(7) to interrupt these proceedings and put forthwith the question on any amendment before the House. All those in favour of the amendment will please say yea.

Some hon. Members: Yea.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: All those opposed will please say nay.

Some hon. Members: Nay.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In my opinion the yeas have it.

And more than five members having risen:

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Call in the members.

The House divided on the amendment (Mr. Lambert, Edmonton West) which was negated on the following division:

YEAS

Messrs:

Alexander
Asselin
Baldwin
Barnett
Beaudoin
Bell
Benjamin
Bigg

Brewin
Burton
Cadieu
Coates
Comeau
Crouse
Danforth
Dionne

Douglas (Nanaimo-
Cowichan-The
Islands)
Downey
Flemming
Forrestall
Fortin
Gauthier
Gilbert
Gleave
Godin
Grills
Gundlock
Hales
Harding
Harkness
Hees
Horner
Howard (Skeena)
Howe
Knowles (Winnipeg
North Centre)
Knowles (Norfolk-
Haldimand)
Korchinski
Lambert
(Bellechasse)
Lambert
(Edmonton West)
Laprise
La Salle
Latulippe
Lewis
Lundrigan
MacDonald (Egmont)
MacInnis (Cape
Breton-East Richmond)
MacInnis (Mrs.)
MacLean
Macquarrie
McCleave

Allmand
Anderson
Barrett
Basford
Béchar
Beer
Benson
Blair
Blouin
Borrie
Boulangier
Breau
Brown
Caccia
Clermont
Cobbe
Corbin
Corriveau
Côté (Richelieu)
Côté (Longueuil)
Cullen
Cyr
Davis
Deachman
Deakon
Douglas (Assiniboia)
Drury
Dubé
Dupras
Duquet

Division

Messrs:

McGrath
McIntosh
McKinley
Matte
Mazankowski
Monteith
Moore
Muir
Murta
Nielsen
Noble
Nowlan
Nystrom
Orlikow
Paproski
Peddle
Peters
Ricard
Ritchie
Rodrigue
Rondeau
Rose
Rowland
Rynard
Saltsman
Schumacher
Scott
Simpson
Skoberg
Skoreyko
Southam
Stanfield
Stewart (Marquette)
Tétrault
Thomas (Moncton)
Thomson
(Battleford-Kindersley)
Valade
Woolliams
Yewchuk—89.

NAYS

Messrs:

Énard
Faulkner
Forest
Forget
Foster
Francis
Gendron
Gervais
Gibson
Goode
Goyer
Gray
Guay (St. Boniface)
Guay (Lévis)
Guilbault
Haidasz
Hogarth
Hopkins
Jamieson
Jerome
Kaplan
Lafamme
Laing
(Vancouver South)
Lang (Saskatoon-
Humboldt)
Langlois
LeBlanc (Rimouski)
Lefebvre
Legault