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In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I express the hope that this organization will become even stronger and will serve as a powerful tool to help keeping alive the French language in the forty odd countries where it is spoken and that it will also become an instrument for fostering peace and development throughout the world. May the leadership shown by the Canadian Government be continuously strengthened all over the world.

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## CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS

### NATURE OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**Mr. Marcel R. Tremblay (Québec Est):** Mr. Speaker, I rise to denounce the false, partisan, irresponsible and anti-American message the CLC's President, Ms. Shirley Carr, delivered on Labour Day.

In 1984 we received a clear mandate from all the classes of society, including the union members Ms. Carr represents.

Canadians did not vote for the NDP and their socialist, big-brother, anti-American policies Ms. Carr personally supports.

Canadians chose to get out of those corporative, state-planning and state-controlled shackles that generate bankruptcy, unemployment and hardship.

By voting Progressive Conservative, they opted for private entrepreneurship, personal freedom and progress under a responsible administration.

To support free trade is to believe in Canada and its ability to invent, to innovate, to produce and to compete with the best in the world.

To negotiate with the United States is to protect existing jobs, to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs, to provide for tomorrow by preparing Canada's entry into the 21st century.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION

### SUGGESTED INVESTIGATION OF DEPARTMENT

**Mr. Sergio Marchi (York West):** Mr. Speaker, we have witnessed the John Qigley affair, a petition signed by 7,000 employees of the Deputy Minister of Immigration who have no confidence in his leadership, a refugee backlog which is out of

control, individuals checking up on offices within the Department of Immigration, and the latest allegations concerning special treatment.

Now the Deputy Minister is appointing "champions among his senior bureaucrats in Employment and Immigration to inspire leadership, improve internal communications and reward employees". The Deputy Minister said:

I have asked Yvon Charlebois to be our Champion of Internal Communication"

He said that Brian Hill, executive director for Manitoba, is "our Champion of Rewards". He said that a "Champion of Leadership" had yet to be acclaimed.

With all due respect, Mr. Speaker, the "Champion of Leadership" must come from the top. There is a vacuum in leadership, integrity and vision in this Department. Canadians have lost confidence and trust in the direction and vision of the Government. It is time for a commission to investigate the Department leaving no stone unturned in order to restore to this Department the confidence, trust and leadership which it enjoyed under previous administrations.

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## THE ECONOMY

### STATISTICS ON UNEMPLOYMENT BETWEEN 1981 AND 1984

**Mrs. Barbara Sparrow (Calgary South):** Mr. Speaker, results of a survey conducted in January, 1986, dealing with work experience in the years preceding the election of this Government—1981 to 1984—and recently released by Statistics Canada, reveal some facts of which I believe all Canadians should be aware.

In the years 1981 to 1984 about 430,000 Canadians became unemployed. Of those who lost their jobs 36 per cent became unemployed due to plant closings or relocation. Manufacturing, construction and mining were the hardest hit. Workers under age 34 suffered the most serious dislocation and older workers had the greatest difficulty in finding new jobs.

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Finding new jobs took an average of six months, with earnings in the new jobs being reduced by 7 per cent from the previous ones.

Only 30 per cent of those displaced were able to find employment in the same industry. This transfer in sectors resulted in wages being reduced on average by about 14 per cent.

This study points out that during 1981 to 1984 the cost of overspending and the resultant inflation inflicted very serious casualties among employables in Canada.

This Government can therefore be commended for creating 907,000 jobs since September 4, 1984. That is more than