

S.O. 21

I believe I speak for all Hon. Members of this House, especially those Hon. Members—

**Mr. Speaker:** I regret to inform the Hon. Member that his 90 seconds have expired.

\* \* \*

[Translation]

## THE ECONOMY

### FOREIGN INVESTMENT—GOVERNMENT POSITION

**Mr. Jean-Luc Joncas (Matapédia-Matane):** Mr. Speaker, I would draw the attention of the House to the very positive impact of the climate of confidence this Government is creating with respect to foreign investment.

Recently, Mr. Speaker, I attended the sod-turning ceremony at the Nardeux construction site, a French company which has decided to invest in Matane in the Gaspé area. This high technology electronic equipment manufacturing plant will create 200 jobs when it becomes operational in about a year.

I take this opportunity to set the record straight. It would seem, Mr. Speaker, that it was somebody else rather than I who first made the suggestion to build that plant. My response to this claim is that a good many bright ideas turned out to be white elephants or ghost industries under the previous administration. This is where a distinction must be made between the original concept and its implementation by the successor. That being so, it is imperative to emphasize that the installation of the French company's facilities in the Gaspé area is due, first to the favourable climate brought about by this Government's Bill C-15 and, second, to the dynamic human resources in my riding.

Mr. Speaker, it is concrete and patent evidence that the present Government can take full credit for restoring confidence among countries that are anxious to invest in the Canadian economy.

\* \* \*

[English]

## THE ADMINISTRATION

### JUSTICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

**Mr. Don Boudria (Glengarry-Prescott-Russell):** Mr. Speaker, on June 3 I made a statement in the House because of a potential conflict of interest concerning the appointment by the Minister of Justice (Mr. Crosbie) of his sons as legal agents. The possibility existed that a person could be asked to prosecute another member of the same family. Given the track record of the Government on nepotism, and its reckless disregard for the conflict of interest rules, that possibility could have become a reality.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Income Tax Act states that directors of a company are jointly and severally liable for

the withholdings of taxes, as confirmed by the Minister of Justice reported at page 5589 of *Hansard*, when he stated "there is a claim against Andrew Crosbie", the Minister further stated that his brother owes nothing to the Government.

Whether there is one son or two who act on behalf of Revenue Canada, whether there is a "claim against" or "debt owing" is not the issue. If there is a difference between "claim against" or "debt owing" I withdraw, but I am informed that there is not a difference. It is highly improper, Mr. Speaker, for a Minister of Justice to state that his brother is innocent before the merits of the case have been heard.

When asked whether he was using his position as Minister of Justice to defend a member of his family, the Minister of Justice stated to the press outside the House: "You may be prepared to let down your family, but I've got a right to defend my family".

The Minister has attempted unsuccessfully to deflect his own inadequacies on someone else, but it hasn't worked. He has gotten himself into deeper trouble every time he has raised this issue in the House of Commons.

\* \* \*

## PENSIONS

### RESOLUTION CALLING FOR RESTORATION OF FULL INDEXATION

**Mr. Howard McCurdy (Windsor-Walkerville):** Mr. Speaker, the well manicured hand of the Government has been caught in the cookie jar of the elderly. It has even offended its allies, including the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, the Business Council on National Issues, and the Canadian Federation of Small Business.

I have a telegram from the Ontario Federation of Students which reports that an emergency resolution was passed last night, which reads as follows:

Whereas the recent decision of the Government of Canada to deindex old age security programs will have a harmful effect on many senior citizens in Canada, and whereas deindexation of the old age pension is unfair to Canada's seniors who have inadequate sources of income, and whereas Finance Minister Michael Wilson has stated that deindexation of pensions is of benefit to the grandchildren of senior citizens, and whereas we, the grandchildren, oppose forcing seniors below the poverty line to subsidize our futures, be it resolved that the Ontario Federation of Students demands immediate reinstatement of full indexation of old age pensions for the seniors of Canada.

I think that makes it unanimous for everyone, Mr. Speaker, except the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson) and the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney).