

*Adjournment Debate*

in. They will keep concentrating power. Money will keep flowing out of the country. Here, even though we are only 24 million people sitting on the resources of a whole half a continent, we will all be on the dole. We will be lining up in food stores, because they are destroying agriculture, too. Just like in Poland, which once exported food, we will be standing in line. Just like in Russia, which once exported grain, we will be standing in line to get our food. That is the combination of the NDP keeping the Liberals in power.

May I call it six o'clock.

## PROCEEDINGS ON ADJOURNMENT MOTION

[*English*]

A motion to adjourn the House under Standing Order 45 deemed to have been moved.

● (1800)

EMPLOYMENT—REQUEST THAT GOVERNMENT DISCLOSE  
PLANS. (B) NEED FOR LONG-TERM JOBS

**Mr. Gerry St. Germain (Mission-Port Moody):** Mr. Speaker, I rose in the House one day after taking my seat and questioned the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) on the serious unemployment crises in Canada today. I asked the Minister what plans the Government has to bring about a long term solution to the unemployment problem. The Minister could not answer the question. All he could do was rattle off all of the meaningless programs the Liberal Government has devised as short term relief. The Government opposite does not have any long term solutions and the Canadian people know that.

The unemployment issue was a priority issue during the byelection when I was recently elected to represent the people of Mission-Port Moody. At every meeting I attended during the campaign the plight of the jobless was the primary topic of discussion. Almost every voter I met wanted to know what hope there was for the hundreds of thousands of unemployed in our country.

Unemployment touches nearly every voter in my riding and in this country. Canadians are truly suffering. There are more than 14,000 people registered to receive unemployment insurance in my riding alone. That number does not include the hundreds of people in the Mission-Port Moody area who have exhausted their unemployment insurance benefits or those who have just given up looking for jobs.

We in this House cannot just sit back and receive our regular paycheques without doing something significant to help those thousands of Canadians who are really struggling to feed their families. I was not elected to the House to just sit here and listen to Members opposite blame everyone except themselves for the serious economic problems we have in this

country. The people in my riding and, indeed, people right across Canada want to see positive change and positive results.

The Minister of Employment and Immigration can stand up a thousand times in the House and recite the same old lines about the programs the Liberal regime has instituted to redistribute our tax dollars. He can talk about the Canada Community Development Program, the Canada Works Program or the Special Response Program. He can talk about NEED, LEAD and all those other so-called job creation schemes the Government has devised to mask the real severity of unemployment in Canada. These, however, are all band-aid programs. They are nothing more than patchwork spending schemes to cover up the Government's mismanagement. They are all short-term programs riddled with bureaucracy and red tape. They are not long-term solutions to the serious structural problems plaguing our economy.

Workers in Mission-Port Moody do not want short-term jobs just so that they can requalify for unemployment insurance benefits. Men and women in my riding, as in all of Canada, want real jobs. They want long-term employment and career opportunities. They want to use their talents to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities that the climate and natural resources of this country and our Province have to offer.

The people of Canada have had enough of this tired, arrogant regime seated opposite. They have had enough of the smoke and mirrors of the Liberal game playing. Canadians have seen the Liberal wrecking crew at work, destroying our economy. They have seen the Prime Minister (Mr. Trudeau) turn his back on ordinary Canadians and have witnessed rude gestures in western Canada.

The byelections in Mission-Port Moody and Central Nova have demonstrated what Canadians want to see. They want to see this incompetent Government out. The voters demonstrated their feelings in Mission-Port Moody on August 29 when the Liberal candidate received less than 5 per cent of the vote. That was a message. Feelings of Canadians right across the country were reflected in the results of that byelection. Canadians are awaiting the chance to throw these wreckers out of office and elect a government that will restore confidence in our country and put Canadians back to work. The Government opposite does not have the answers.

● (1805)

[*Translation*]

**Mr. Jean-Guy Dubois (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Employment and Immigration):** Mr. Speaker, it is a pleasure for me, on behalf of the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Roberts) to reply to the question put by the Hon. Member for Mission-Port Moody (Mr. St. Germain) concerning the measures taken by the federal Government, and more specifically by the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission, regarding the creation of long-term jobs for Canadians. The Member for Mission-Port Moody will be glad to know that for a number of years, the Commission has