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been contacted by many, including the chairman of the National Association of Canadian Tamils, to bring this issue to the attention of the Canadian Parliament.

We in Canada know the problems that can arise with vocal minorities, but we also know that killing the minority group is not the answer.

I ask the House, when will the Secretary of State for External Affairs take appropriate steps to pressure Sri Lanka, which is a member of the British Commonwealth and the United Nations, to stop this outrageous behaviour?

In light of the massive oppression and death that faces Tamil people living in Sri Lanka, I also ask the House to ensure that those who are in need can take refuge in Canada from the brutal regime of the Sri Lankan government.

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**CORPORATE TAXATION**

**Mr. John R. Rodriguez (Nickel Belt):** Mr. Speaker, it's time once again for the corporate welfare bum of the week award.

This week the nominees are BP Canada with \$6.2 million in profits in 1989 and no taxes paid; Confederation Life Insurance with \$103 million in profits in 1989 and no taxes paid; and last, but by no means least, Domtar with \$18 million in profits in 1989, and no taxes paid.

Now for the winner. The envelope, please.

The winner is Domtar. This company along with two other nominees have been outstanding members of Tom d'Aquino's BCNI, but we feel that Domtar deserves special consideration because not only did it have \$18 million in profits but on top of that it received an extra \$21 million in tax credits from this government. With that kind of business savvy, Domtar deserves a *b* rating.

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**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

**Mr. George Proud (Hillsborough):** Mr. Speaker, at a time when thousands of workers are losing their jobs in

Atlantic Canada, it is unbelievable that this government, through Bill C-21, will inflict more hardship on Canadians struggling with high interest rates, the proposed goods and services tax and a made-in-Canada recession.

The government adds insult to injury by eliminating its financial contribution to the UI fund, while at the same time maintaining control over the allocation of money collected from workers and employers.

In its arrogance, the government will take our money, do with it as it pleases, and leave the regions, such as Atlantic Canada, with added strain on their already fragile provincial economies.

With the passage of Bill C-21 and if the unemployment rate remains stable, Prince Edward Islanders will receive only 35 weeks of benefits rather than the 42 weeks received under the old system.

At the same time, they will have to work two extra weeks to qualify for fewer benefits. This means that Islanders must now find an additional nine weeks of work.

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**BILL C-21**

**Mr. Clément Couture (Saint-Jean):** At long last, Mr. Speaker, Bill C-21 has been given royal assent after a long stay in the other place. Our government is satisfied with this turn of events because we are now in a better position to help Canadian workers acquire new skills and plan for the future.

Several amendments will make it easier for workers to cope successfully with ever changing labour market conditions. These amendments also bring unemployment insurance provisions in line with the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Mr. Speaker, the amendments reflect the government's labour force enhancement strategy and make the unemployment insurance program more atuned to the priorities of workers seeking assistance and vocational training.