

*Unemployment Insurance Act*

**Mr. Anderson:** I felt very important today to the Conservatives.

**An hon. Member:** You are doing great!

**Mr. Anderson:** There has been some debate by the Leader of the Opposition (Mr. Clark) regarding allocation of time and I think that all of us, no matter to which party we belong, would hope that the debate would go forward in a sane and intelligent manner so there would not have to be any allocation of time.

Let me quote from *Hansard* to show you the tenor of argument, and the psychology under which we have been operating and which has made it almost impossible to have a rational debate. As reported at page 2295 of *Hansard* for December 19, the hon. member for St. John's West (Mr. Crosbie) said:

We realize there has to be restraint. We realize there has to be some restraint in the unemployment insurance program.

That obviously contradicts statements made by the hon. member for Kingston and the Islands. We know they straddle both sides of the fence, as the hon. member for New Westminster (Mr. Leggatt) so beautifully pointed out the other night, but let me continue.

The hon. member for St. John's West went on to say:

That is why we are going to vote against them. I would not vote for them, anyway. I have no intention of voting for anything brought into this House by the hon. gentlemen opposite, no matter what they bring in, because the source from which it comes is polluted.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Kempling:** That is right.

**Mr. Anderson:** Obviously, by the applause from the other side, the pitty-pat handclappers are in agreement with what was said by the hon. member for St. John's West. In other words, he said, and I will paraphrase him, that regardless of what was brought in on Bill C-14, he was not going to vote it; he would not vote for anything. By the way, he also made one other interesting statement: "I would not come into the House". How can one enter a debate, a serious debate on Bill C-14, when a future cabinet minister, if they get in—

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** Now, you are talking.

**An hon. Member:** That is as close as he will ever get.

**Mr. Anderson:** A future cabinet minister among those who would aspire to be king.

**Some hon. Members:** Ah!

**Mr. Anderson:** Their aspirations have been the same for the last 15 years. The people of Canada have always put a banana peel under the rungs on the road to the climb for power. I suspect these same people will put another banana peel under their ascent to power—

[Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton).]

**An hon. Member:** Put it under his foot.

**Mr. Anderson:** I suppose it would be fair to say that we are entering a debate on a subject that affects hundreds of thousands of people across Canada. We have some idea of the mentality of that party when it says, "It doesn't matter what you say, we are going to vote against it." It must be frustrating to the Minister of Employment and Immigration (Mr. Cullen) to have listened to 34 committee hearings and to have listened to the debate in this House, and then to have the hon. member for St. John's West stand up and say—

**Mr. Baker (Grenville-Carleton):** And then have to listen to you.

**Mr. Anderson:**—regardless of what is said in this House, or what proposals are put forward, he is going to vote against them, and he will even walk out of the House.

**An hon. Member:** Especially after he supported it at second reading.

**Mr. Anderson:** There are very important clauses in Bill C-14. I believe that this House has studied this legislation in committee for a long period of time. But I, as a member of parliament from Vancouver Island, would rather see, if I had my druthers, the sort of development that I was able to announce on Monday in Nanaimo, where the federal government will be investing \$12 million in the Duke Point project in conjunction with the province of British Columbia and with the Nanaimo Harbour Commission.

During the time of restraint the federal government has looked upon the creation of jobs in a positive manner. This particular project will draw approximately \$150 million of private investment, with a contribution of \$12 million from the federal government; \$7 million from the provincial government, and \$7 million from the Nanaimo Harbour Commission. This contribution of \$150 million from the private sector will create 2,000 direct and indirect jobs.

**Some hon. Members:** Hear, hear!

**Mr. Anderson:** In my opinion this is the kind of rational progress and rational industrial development for which this government is noted. I would hope that with the moneys made available through savings through the unemployment insurance program, that more jobs are created all across Canada, not only in the maritimes or in Quebec, but right across Canada from coast to coast. Surely that is what a federal government is all about, a government with concern for all the country, not for one particular region or one particular province.

**An hon. Member:** Not if the Tory premiers have their way.

**Mr. Anderson:** I am very gratified that the federal government in its wisdom is able, during a time of restraint, to make available \$12 million in order to help create 2,000 direct and indirect jobs. I congratulate the government on that strategy. I believe that by assisting the provinces, the municipalities or