

program. We will develop that. We are working in the agricultural area. Yes, Mr. Speaker, people will see in the next four years that we will stand by our promises and we will meet them.

Some Hon. Members: Hear, hear!

[Translation]

Mr. Deputy Speaker: The Hon. Member for Gatineau (Mrs. Maily), on questions or comments.

Mrs. Maily: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I have a comment on one made by my hon. colleague. He said that in my riding—

Mr. Deputy Speaker: I would remind the Hon. Member that questions and comments are to be addressed to the speech made by the Member for Calgary South (Mrs. Sparrow) and not to the Hon. Member who made the other comment.

Mrs. Maily: Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct my comments to the Hon. Member for Calgary South (Mrs. Sparrow) and congratulate her on her realistic approach and on having had the patience to listen to the nonsense of the Hon. Member sitting nearby, who said we had not created any jobs. Since September 17 of this year, we have created 34,000 jobs in this country. I can assure my hon. colleague from Calgary South that she was right when she said we have already created a climate favourable to employment. In my riding, where factories were in great trouble as a result of neglect on the part of the previous administration, thanks to the initiative and imaginative approach of Gatineau workers, we are now re-opening factories that had been closed down.

● (1120)

The Hon. Member is correct in saying that out West they are drilling oil wells with Ontario steel and the talents and human resources of Quebec and Gatineau, because I know that, as far as my riding is concerned, we have people who are working out West. Many lost their jobs over the last three years, that is true, but fortunately, a number of people are still working in Western Canada.

I know that thanks to efforts of our Government and the negotiating and conciliatory skills of our Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources (Mrs. Carney), there will very soon be a considerable activity in the West. Canadian oil will be produced by Canadians, consumed by Canadians and used to help develop Canada's resources, and this will be done by Canadian companies, not like what happened in the past, when jobs were exported because they were buying out foreign companies and sending billions of dollars to Belgium and buying oil from other countries because the administration here in Canada did not have the political or moral courage to face up to its responsibilities.

[English]

Mr. Brisco: Mr. Speaker, I should like to add some comments which would have unquestionably been made by the Hon. Member for Calgary South (Mrs. Sparrow). Given the constraints on her address, there are other matters which we should introduce into this discussion or into this debate.

The challenge has been made that this Government has not acted on anything. What a facile challenge; what a simple one to respond to! I recall the Liberal Minister responsible for the Canadian Wheat Board delaying for two months making payments to the wheat stabilization board, simply because he did not know where he was supposed to sign the cheque. We did that immediately. We froze Seaway tolls immediately. We froze the abandonment of rail lines, which guarantees and ensures that farmers in western Canada have an opportunity to get their wheat on rail. We froze the rail abandonment in my constituency, which is in the forest sector, to ensure that the mills could get their lumber to overseas markets. Those were the kinds of initiatives which were taken immediately. Also we took a very interesting initiative about which I am very happy. It was the initiative to relieve members of the Liberal Party of their seats in the House of Commons.

It is true that the Hon. Member for Calgary South did not have an opportunity to make that suggestion to the Hon. Member for Glengarry-Prescott-Russell (Mr. Boudria). Nevertheless, contingent upon that defeat of these people who had not been serving Canadians the way they wanted to be served was a number of employment opportunities which the Liberals themselves had created. Those opportunities without direct address to the intelligence, the capability and the area of endeavour of individuals have now been terminated. I think that is most appropriate.

Mr. Simon de Jong (Regina East): Mr. Speaker, in some ways I experience *déjà vu* entering the debate on the borrowing Bill, the request of the Government to borrow some \$23 billion. I have heard these types of debates before. The actors have changed but the lines remain the same. When the Conservatives were in opposition and the Liberals were in government, very often I heard the lines which are being delivered by Conservative members today being delivered by Liberal members. We hear Liberal members today giving the lines that the Conservative members used to deliver. The actors have changed, but the lines surely remain the same.

● (1125)

An Hon. Member: Nonsense.

Mr. de Jong: The Hon. Member opposite says nonsense. How well I remember the debate in 1982 when the Liberals brought in a borrowing Bill ranging in the billions of dollars. Not only were they wanting to borrow money for the present fiscal year but also for the next fiscal year. At that time the Leader of the Opposition and the Official Opposition were outraged, and rightfully so. Today we hear the same lines and see the same procedures. The names of the actors have changed but again the lines remain the same.