

mitted more than 49 per cent of its businesses to be owned by foreigners was stupid.

I would like to ask the hon. member if he agrees with Mr. Havel on that point.

**Mr. Crosby:** Madam Speaker, Mr. Havel, as you may or may not know, comes from a part of eastern Europe, Czechoslovakia, that has been closed to the rest of the world for over 30 years. You are not allowed to go into Czechoslovakia. When we went there last fall we had to go through all kinds of rigmarole to get into Czechoslovakia. Mr. Havel may find out as he travels around the world that his people are marching in the streets because they have closed the doors and gates of Czechoslovakia for 30 years. They have forgotten what was going on in the rest of the world. Now they will have to face up to the realities of the world and the mobility of capital. Where is Mr. Havel going to get his capital, if he does not seek outside help?

That is not the message I got when I was in Czechoslovakia. The message I got was they want the world to come to Czechoslovakia, they want help. That does not have to necessarily be ownership, there are other ways to control capital. We have said time and time again, you do not have to own, you have to legislate. That is the way you get control.

**Mr. Langdon:** Madam Speaker, there might even be unanimous consent in the House to permit the member to extend his speech. He is making such fine arguments for those of us on the opposition side of the House. For instance, he suggested that Alberta should simply create a sales tax. So much for the government's argument that there are no new taxes in this budget.

There is a \$2.2 billion deficit in Alberta, so the member suggested raising a sales tax. I am certain the people of Alberta will be very pleased to hear that this parliamentary secretary, a relatively senior member of the Conservative party as a parliamentary secretary, is telling the people of Alberta: "You need a sales tax. That is what you need". I hope it will be reported widely in Alberta that the urgings of this parliamentary secretary are that Alberta should have a sales tax, that that is what this budget is about is to see that Alberta gets a sales tax.

### *The Budget*

Second, I want to suggest that the parliamentary secretary's long discussion about the importance of jobs is again fascinating to hear. I would like to hear him talk at great length about that. Then I would like to see him explain the fact that this budget takes us up to an 8.5 per cent unemployment rate from the present 7.5 per cent rate that exists in this country. That is not my projection, Madam Speaker. That is the projection of the Minister of Finance himself. Here is a member who gets up and says the key thing about economics, the key thing about a budget is that it should create less unemployment when his own budget that he is trying to defend creates a 1 per cent increase in unemployment which will fall particularly on his products.

The question I want to put especially to this member because he comes from Atlantic Canada is to ask him to give us some more of his sterling arguments in defence of this budget in terms of an interpretation, an explanation why this government, according to the Estimates, which were introduced today to this House, is going to be cutting the amount of money which goes in programs for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, the agency which provides help for his province. Why is there a cut in program activities from \$379 million last year to the total for this year of \$339 million?

I would be very interested in hearing his explanation why his part of the country should be hit so hard by this heartless budget.

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**Mr. Crosby:** First, let me deal with the matter of ACOA. I direct the member's attention to pages 9 and 10 of Part III of the Estimates dealing with the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency. He will see as he reads that section that there is no such reduction. The difference in amount to \$339 million is explained by the fact that \$39.4 million was transferred prior to the Main Estimates to other departments to implement programs, that there will be a reprofiling of 10 per cent of the previous budget, and in fact, the amount available to ACOA will increase. The member can get that information from the Main Estimates. Of course, the member can also read what is said about the future for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency in the 1990-91 fiscal year. It also explains the amounts that have been