

where those jobs are absolutely essential to the prosperity of the area. And what of the affected workers?

Again, I want to ask the Leader of the Government today to provide us with a list of those "adjustments" that have been made by industry on the other side of the line. What U.S. industries can produce statistics comparable to the list I have read to the Senate chamber this afternoon?

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): Honourable senators, Senator Perrault has simply confirmed the notice that was given some weeks ago by the finance critic of the official opposition, the honourable Roy MacLaren, as to the future strategy of his party on this matter. He was quoted as having said, "Every sparrow that falls is going to be blamed on the U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement."

Honourable senators, earlier this afternoon two of my colleagues, Senator Marshall and Senator David, under Notices of Inquiries, gave notice that in due course they will make speeches on matters that are of interest and concern to them. That is a procedure I would commend to Senator Perrault. Meanwhile, I decline to join him in the gross abuse of the rules and the patience of the Senate that he has perpetrated this afternoon.

Senator Perrault: Is it a terrible abuse of the time of the Senate to put on record the job losses by Canadian workers coast to coast in this country?

There was not one shred of a reply to the question I posed, namely, "Can you name one U.S. industry that has been adversely affected to this point by the Free Trade Agreement?" Give us the names of even six American companies that have closed down or have reduced their work forces because of Canadian competition. This is a question that the government should be able to answer. It should be monitoring this agreement. It said it was going to monitor this agreement.

THE GOVERNMENT

ADHERENCE TO ELECTION PROMISES

Hon. Raymond J. Perrault: I should like to ask the Leader of the Government this question, and perhaps he can muster up the courage and candour to answer it: During the election campaign we heard not one reference to the debt or the deficit, yet that is all we heard about in the Speech from the Throne. We will be given a proper occasion to debate this, but I am suggesting to honourable senators that this government was elected under false pretences on several counts, and it is our responsibility to bring that to the attention of the Senate.

Hon. Lowell Murray (Leader of the Government and Minister of State for Federal-Provincial Relations): Honourable senators, my honourable friend was quite insensitive, obviously, to what was happening during the election campaign. I can cite him chapter and verse and send him documentation on very important speeches that were made by the Minister of Finance and others during the election campaign about the necessity of fiscal discipline and the necessity to reduce the

deficit in the interest of continuing the excellent economic growth that we have had in this country over the past four years.

But as the honourable senator has suggested, these are matters for debate. I trust we will be hearing from him at greater length during the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Senator Perrault: The Leader of the Government talks in terms of speeches made during the campaign urging fiscal and financial responsibility.

The Prime Minister dropped several billion dollars worth of promises from coast to coast in this country. The Leader of the Government is well aware of that. There was the \$6.4 billion child care program, which was, in fact, an absolute phony. It got to the Senate so late that there was not time for proper action. There was a billion dollars for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency; \$1.2 billion for the Western Diversification Initiative; \$2.6 billion in federal funding and assistance for Hibernia, and on, and on, and on, including all of the promises made to secure a by-election win in the province of Quebec, but now we are hearing about restraint.

Senator Murray: Honourable senators, again, this is a matter for debate, but the regional agencies to which my honourable friend has referred were announced by the Prime Minister a year and a half before the election campaign was launched.

Respecting promises, I should have thought that the honourable senator would blush when he talks of the costing of political promises made during the election campaign. Need I remind him of the spectacle that ensued when the leader of his party and his advisers tried to estimate the cost of their own child care program during a news conference held in Montreal? Need I also remind him of the estimate put on Liberal campaign promises by outside sources, such as the Conference Board of Canada and the C.D. Howe Institute, midway through the campaign?

As the honourable senator has suggested, these are matters for debate, and I would be glad to join the honourable senator in debating them at the appropriate time, which is not, I remind him, during Oral Question Period.

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Senator Perrault: One essential difference between my party and yours is that the party on the other side of the chamber won the election on the basis of the commitments, pledges and promises it made to the Canadian people. There is a gulf between the promises made in that election campaign and what we heard yesterday in the Speech from the Throne.

Senator Murray: The gulf is in the honourable senator's mind.

THE GOVERNMENT

POLICY ON USE OF "NATIONAL" IN NAMES OF INSTITUTIONS

Hon. Daniel A. Lang: If I may, I would like to return to Question Period!