

We are talking about a circumstance in which, by all sorts of indicators, the economy will recover and unemployment will remain at or above 10 per cent. For the first time in our nation's history we are talking about a jobless recovery.

This in itself is bizarre. It is the clearest evidence that the current government's policies in total, while exceptionally felicitous for segments of the Canadian population, have been exceptionally harsh for most of the Canadian population, certainly that majority element that works for a living.

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It is in that light that we have to see the amendments to part I of the labour code contained in Bill C-101. It is in that light that we have to understand that the good parts of Bill C-101, the parts that amend part III of the code and bring in such admirable elements as protection for nursing and pregnant women in the work place, improved parental leave provisions, improved protection for injured workers, improved administrative procedures and improved wage protection come despite the general program of the present government.

What comes in consequence of the application of the principles of the program of the current government is that amendment to part I of the code will put a whip hand over workers into the hand of the minister of the day to be called upon whenever it is wanted by employers who could not otherwise get what they want through free collective bargaining.

It is with some considerable sadness that I conclude by saying that that is why we in the NDP must vote against this bill.

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** Is it the pleasure of the House to adopt the motion?

Some hon. members: Agreed.

An hon. member: On division.

Motion agreed to, bill read the second time and referred to a legislative committee in the Human Resources envelope.

### *Government Orders*

**The Acting Speaker (Mr. Paproski):** It is my duty, pursuant to Standing Order 38, to inform the House that the questions to be raised tonight at the time of adjournment are as follows: the hon. member for Prince Albert—Churchill River—Agriculture; the hon. member for Cape Breton—East Richmond—Employment; the hon. member for Western Arctic—Health care—the hon. member for Bonavista—Trinity—Conception—Peacekeeping; the hon. member for Prince George—Bulkley Valley—Economic statement.

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### CRIMINAL CODE

#### MEASURE TO AMEND

**Hon. Perrin Beatty (for Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada and Minister of State (Agriculture))** moved that Bill C-109, an act to amend the Criminal Code, the Crown Liability and Proceedings Act and the Radiocommunication Act be read the second time and referred to a legislative committee in the Departmental envelope.

He said: Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to speak in support of Bill C-109, as it includes two specific provisions related to privacy which I believe this country needs. The first deals with electronic surveillance and is used by the police. The second is the interception of radio-based telephone communications.

The changes being proposed by my colleague, the Minister of Justice, to part VI and part XV of the Criminal Code respond to a series of Supreme Court decisions which significantly affect the way police and other agents of the state can do their jobs.

The first decision involved an undercover drug investigation. An informant and an undercover police officer rented an apartment which they equipped by placing audio-visual recording equipment within one of the walls. Both the informant and the police officer gave their written consent to the interceptions of their conversations, but the court later held that the interception by the state of private communications without the consent of all of the participants was contrary to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.