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the old Port of Montreal, the marina in Chicoutimi, the electronics institute in Shawinigan, and many more.

With respect to the Government's policy of privatizing or selling its so-called "lame ducks", nothing has been announced yet, and Quebec is at risk in view of this Government's decisions concerning Canadair. Five thousand jobs are at stake. At Teleglobe, 1,400 jobs. At VIA Rail, non-implementation of this project means a loss of 3,000 jobs. At Air Canada 500 jobs are at risk. At CN, 220 jobs are lost. And, Mr. Speaker, I could go on to mention the contract that Versatile lost because the Minister of Regional Industrial Expansion (Mr. Stevens) decided to make a new call for tenders, although Versatile Vickers in Montreal was the second lowest bidder and the contract should normally have been awarded to that company. Mr. Speaker, there again, it means so many jobs that Quebec has lost.

Mr. Speaker, I said earlier that the Conservative Government had cut \$770 million in job creation projects for this year. There was also the fact that Quebec was asking for more than \$640 million in additional equalization payments. The first request was for \$730 million. Quebec was prepared to negotiate for \$430 million. After all the promises and commitments made by the Prime Minister, it was only normal that the Government of Quebec, which I do not think is Liberal at all and which is still headed by René Lévesque with Mr. Duhaime as Minister of Finance all they got as a consolation prize was a scant \$110 million. It was entirely normal that the Government of Quebec, considering the remarks made by the Prime Minister and by all Progressive Conservative candidates that relations would improve and that according to the Conservatives, Quebec had been penalized by the previous Government, it was normal that the present Government of Quebec should expect, considering the offer it had made, which was, instead of asking for \$730 million, to settle for \$430 million. But no. What this Government said when it came to power was, that it could not care less about René Lévesque and everybody else in Quebec. Here is your \$110 million. Mr. Speaker, as far as equalization payments are concerned, Quebec is the only province that is losing out. Other provinces like New Brunswick and Newfoundland were not in a loss position to start with. However, to help their Conservative friends just before an election in Newfoundland, they gave that province some extra money. But in Quebec? Nothing! Mr. Speaker, this was not said by us Liberals, but by Duhaime. "Says, Duhaime: Equalization will go on harassing Quebec Conservatives".

The problem is, how can we understand this Government? "Says Wilson: Quebec must recognize that the federal Government could not do any better in the circumstances." Two weeks later, he signed a \$2.5 billion agreement with the oil multinationals. That was not in Quebec. And then: "Equalization—Ottawa ready to listen". So another flip-flop. All of a sudden, another headline: "Mulroney agrees to reopen the equalization file from a more comprehensive angle." Another

statement, "Duhaime will not concede defeat". According to Jean-Louis Roy in *Le Devoir*, "An unfinished compromise". And finally, Mr. Speaker—those Tories are impossible to understand—another article by Maurice Jannard in *La Presse*: "Equalization—File closed, says Wilson".

Mr. Speaker, this will show that Quebecers can take neither the word of the Prime Minister (Mr. Mulroney) nor that of the Minister of Finance (Mr. Wilson). As far as the Minister of Finance's word is concerned, he himself clearly admitted that, with respect to universality, he did not state the truth during the election. He only stated it after the election. But, Mr. Speaker, people in Quebec and in Canada are asking themselves: Has the Minister of Finance told untruths only as concerns the universality of social programs? On how many other matters will his budget indicate that during the last election campaign the commitments were fake, that he was going to do the opposite?

Another area in which I would like to point out this Tory Government's lack of interest for Quebec's regional development is housing.

In that area, this Government has cut \$9 million from social housing projects under the Section 56.1 program aimed at providing public housing with the co-operation of the Provinces, co-operatives, non-profit organizations.

In addition, it has cut \$25 million from the RRAP program, the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program. This is a very important program in Quebec and in the Maritimes. It is very important to improve the quality of housing, but it is also very important to create jobs. Also it costs much less to the Canadian taxpayers, through the Canadian Government, to create hundreds and thousands of jobs than to change the color of the Armed Forces' uniforms, or to send 1,000 soldiers in Germany. Perhaps the Tiffany in Germany will be happy to get 1,000 extra customers, but what does that give Quebec or Canada? Not a cent more, Mr. Speaker!

As far as Quebec is concerned, not only the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Labour (Mr. McKnight) in charge of CMHC, or the Treasury Board executioner—because there is no way we can tell who makes decisions in that joint, probably somebody who was in school with the Prime Minister, because outside of them he trusts no one—not only did he slash, but where Quebecers are concerned he chose to penalize them. Because the people in Quebec decided for once to trust the Conservatives, in return the Prime Minister tells them: We will put the screws to you. As for Westerners, they are the Conservative Party. And to people in Ontario, he said: Here is a bunch of newcomers, we will give it to them. Before they wake up let us make a killing. And before they find out where the toilets and the offices are, the trick will be done.

Mr. Speaker, Quebec is losing at the RRAP level \$17 million that were to be invested in all the Quebec constituencies . . . Those \$17 million cuts especially affect rural constitu-